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England to go to Egypt at all, and of the frequent but vain efforts made by successive Governments to escape from the responsibility — notably by the Wolff-Mukhtar Convention of 1887. Now that we are there, and are compelled to stay there by French opposition to every movement of escape, we have to make the best we can of the administrative problems. Mr. Dicey, of course, entertains not the slightest doubt that our retirement would be the signal for instant retrogression, and aptly tells a story bearing on this :-

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He goes on to say, frankly enough, that he does not think it would be for the interest of England or of Egypt herself that it should enter into the domain of practical politics; but even if it were desirable, "I should say the method adopted, of training Egypt to self-government by placing every department of the public service under British control, was singularly ill-adapted to effect the end desired." It will be seen that Mr. Dicey is somewhat of a pessimist

Gordon episode he shows the same coldness of appreciation. Without denying Gordon's eccentricity, it may be urged that we have here hardly a fair statement of the case. Mr. Dicey wholly ignores the success of the Ever-Victorious Army, and of Gordon's first government of the Sudan.

Perhaps the best parts of the book are those relating to that meteoric luminary the Khedive Ismail, whom Mr. Dicey evidently appreciated far better than his virtuous but uninteresting successor. Writing with that air of a Court familiar which is a favourite pose of our author, he

says :-

"It has been my fortune in life to have seen a good deal of many exiled kings, princes, potentates, and statesmen. However they might differ in other respects, they all shared one hope and one delusion. The hope was to return to the country where they had ruled in the days of their glory; the delusion was an unshakable belief that their country was longing for their return. Ismail, though a shrewd man of the world, with a very low estimate of human nature, cherished this hope and this delusion with a conviction impervious to the evidence of facts. He had no intellectual pursuits; he was not a keen sportsman; he took no interest in foreign countries or their politics, except in as far as they affected, or might affect, the fortunes of Egypt in connection with his own. Gambling for lower stakes than a throne was not a habit for lower stakes than a throne was not a habit for which he entertained the passion of so many Orientals. Even sensual pleasures attracted him, mainly as a means of passing the time, rather than as pursuits delectable in themselves. The schemes evolved in that subtle brain were of the most fantastic order. At one time he looked to Italy, to France, to Germany, and even to England, to bring about, if not his reinstatement in power, his return to Egypt. At another period he counted on the Sultan, on Arabi, or the Mahdi, to assist him in the attainment of his ambition......His purse was always open to any suggestion that by the expenditure of money he could command services which might tell in favour of his restoration. The more circuitous, the more underhand, the more connected with intrigue these services might be, the more they appealed to his Oriental imagination.

Indeed, a Frenchman, who knew the ex-Khedive well, used to say that it was impossible to fathom the workings of his mind :-

"If I told him that by paying a thousand pounds to a French Minister, who was notoriously in want of money, he could secure the Minister's influence with the Government, he would never believe the truth of my statement. But if I told him that the confidential secretary of the Minister had an intrigue with his employer's wife, and was at the same time in love with a ballet-girl, and that by bribing the girl's mother he could indirectly secure the services of the Minister, he would give me any sum I asked without further questions."

This really illustrates Ismail's diplomacy to perfection. Notwithstanding his foibles and his intrigues, he possessed a charm which few who knew him well could withstand. In exile "he bore himself with dignity. In the many private conversations I had with

him," says Mr. Dicey,

"during the period of his wanderings, I never heard one word of complaint from his lips as to his deposition. He always spoke in high terms of the statesmen, diplomatists, and officials who had been associated with his reign, and never said a word of disparagement of the men who had contributed, directly or indirectly, towards his downfall. He never forgot in public, or

allowed others to forget, that he had been a Sovereign; but he had nothing of that touchy sensitiveness so common amongst men who have held exalted positions which they hold no longer......His failings, his faults, his sins, were grave enough in all conscience; but still it was impossible—I, for one, at any rate, found it so—to ignore his imperturbable good humour, his manifest desire to make himself pleasant to all who came within his circle."

Even to the adventurers and downright swindlers who hung about his Court at Cairo, and afterwards pursued his wanderings, Ismail extended a good-natured half-contemptuous patronage. He liked a rogue far better than a fool. Once, when he had formally forbidden his door to a flagrant offender, the man, who knew his character, got a ladder and climbed into the Viceroy's room, remarking, "I have obeyed your Highness's commands, and have crossed your threshold by the window, and not by the door." The humour of the thing at once appealed to Ismail, and the offender was reinstated in his favour.

A touching instance of the mutability of fortune is recorded in connexion with the opening of the Suez Canal and its gorgeous ceremonies. Mr. Dicey saw the Empress Eugénie at the state ball given in her honour

at Ismailia :-

"There were present at this festival any number of Royalties, but the Empress of the French was, by common consent, the mistress of the revels. It was not only her position as a woman, her queen like presence, her singular beauty, still hardly touched by the lapse of years, which gave her practical, if not nominal precedence even in the presence of the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary. It was as the representative of France and of the Napoleonic dynasty that every one, from the Khedive downwards, was anxious to pay her the respect due to her connection with the great enterprise then just completed. I can see her still in my mind's eye as, covered with diamonds, she moved, like a goddess, amidst the crowds......I can still hear the strains of 'Partant pour la Syrie' which the bands played in her honour as she embarked in the Imperial yacht the Aigle on leaving the ball, and the salutes by which her departure was proclaimed. The ball took place in November, 1869. I did not see the Empress again till a few months later. It so chanced that one hot, dull afternoon in London, in the mid-September of 1870, I was waiting for some friends at the Charing Cross railway station, when I saw a one-horse fly, driven by a coachman whose shabby oiled hat and dirty white Berlin gloves proclaimed him as belonging to some secondrate livery stable, stop at the station. Its sole occupant was a lady, attired in very dusty black, looking weary and travel-worn and all alone. The lady was the Empress Eugénie."

In spite of a few interesting recollections and anecdotes, the book is not lively reading. It is written too much in the "leader" style, and suggests the late Mr. Trollope's Jupiter Tonans. Sentences occur such as this:—

"I have long come to the conclusion that there is always some sort of ability about a man who, by his own efforts, pushes his way to the front in any walk of life,"—

surely a model platitude of the solemnest variety. One is tempted to think that, despite his ex cathedra air of deliberation and finality, Mr. Dicey sometimes writes in a hurry; else why does he say "each had a strong case of their own"; Gordon "summoned the Mahdi to Khartoum, and on his

refusing to do so"; "he had no reason, but the contrary, to desire his defeat"; "reforms recommended by Lord Dufferin, to whose introduction England stood committed" and so forth? He uses that detestable word "voiced"; calls Sir Henry Bulwer, Lord Palmerston's "brother"; and passes such misprints as Artim Pasha, "Kosh" (for Korti), "Wad-el-Nijami," "Kasr-el-Noubara," &c. To say that the present Khedive had "an English tutor," Mr. Mitchell, is to ignore the services of E. K. Corbett Bey and Mr. A. J. Butler. Mr. Dicey does not, of course, pretend to be an Oriental scholar, but surely he might have asked some one to correct his absurd derivation of Khedive from an imaginary Persian word "Khiva," meaning God; and the statement that Aziz is an impossible title for an earthly potentate, because it is one of the names of God, evinces a curious ignorance of the names of Eastern princes, and even of the 'Arabian Nights.'

Sir William White: for Six Years Ambassador at Constantinople, His Life and Correspondence. By H. Sutherland Edwards. (Murray.)

MR. SUTHERLAND EDWARDS has excellently performed a task which was not unnecessary. Sir William White deserved the recognition of a memoir, and that here presented is soundly executed and sufficient. White's origins were peculiar. If he was in fact the son of the Governor of Trinidad by the daughter of General Gardiner, he was so completely brought up in Poland as to have been virtually for all the early part of his life a Roman Catholic Pole; but the man was so big-we should be almost inclined to say, so great-that the Polish consular clerk and secret agent of the Foreign Office became the greatest ambassador of our time; as remarkable in his strength as Lord Pauncefote in his courteous subtlety, and dividing with Lord Pauncefote the diplomatic British honours of our day. It is curious that neither of these great ambassadors was trained in the diplomatic service. White, moreover, accomplished the heroic feat of completely effacing "la tache consulaire." Religion also for some time stood in his way, and it is stated by Mr. Sutherland Edwards that he was our "first Roman Catholic ambassador appointed since the Reformation."

The stentorian roaring of Sir William White, coming from his gigantic frame, contrasted so strangely with the soft purrings of the ordinary diplomatist that it is not to be wondered that a Russian ambassador should have said of him, and a German ambassador with a Russian wife should have agreed, "We shall do nothing so long as that bear remains at the English Embassy!" Mr. Sutherland Edwards himself writes: "A strong, bearlike man would doubtless......obtain more success in diplomacy than a weak one with charming manners." As a rule we should hold this to be highly doubtful, but, as our author goes on, "In Sir William White the kindliest nature and abundant strength were combined." This is as true of him as it was of Bismarck; and we do not even hesitate to pronounce White as having been potentially a superior Bismarck. He

got his real start in life sadly late, through the disadvantages of his birth and position, and was a Bismarck without Bismarck's opportunities.

In Mr. Sutherland Edwards's careful account of the tortuous history of the Balkan States, so far as White was mixed up in it, we find no trace of prejudice and little if any error, although there is perhaps a shade of anti-Jewish feeling in the suggestion that Serjeant Simon, M.P., greatly exag-gerated the atrocities committed in Roumania upon Jews. Sir John Simon was, we believe, the representative of the Jews in British public life; and our Jews have never been given to exaggeration in their accounts of the horrible sufferings of their race. While we are on "atrocities," we have to note that, although we think Mr. Sutherland Edwards has no political prejudice against Disraeli, the despatches which he quotes show that at the time when the Prime Minister described the treatment of the Balkan Christians by the Turks as resting parkan Christians by the Turks as resting upon coffee-house babble, he was in possession of very full information from Sir Henry Elliot, which ought to have thoroughly prepared the Government for the detailed statements published a very little later in the Daily News by Eugene Schuyler, afterwards the United States Consul-General at St. Petersburg. Sir Henry Elliot had also warned the Government that the fact that the Christians were playing against the Bashi - Bazouks "an apparently desperate game" showed that they had "reasons.....for counting upon some powerful assistance." It is a pity that Sir Henry Elliot should have been allowed to incur blame on the score of the information with which he kept the Government supplied.

Although on the whole Mr. Sutherland Edwards has avoided publishing documents which ought not to have seen the light, there is a letter to Morier in 1877 on the composition of our Embassy at Constantinople which should not have been given to the world. Happily this is an almost unique example of serious indiscretion in the volume, and such volumes are usually in some degree indiscreet. A considerable number of Morier's letters are published, and Morier was always "indiscreet." But the real indiscretion is in the publication of his letters, as the writing of them to intimate friends was only consistent with the playfulness of his high spirits. It is impossible to give any idea of what Morier was like without publishing that which some people would think best unpublished; but we cannot blame Mr. Sutherland Edwards for printing Morier's letters, even when they give his inner views of the moment upon distinguished ambassadors of the present day. A delightful example of his style is his description in a letter from one British ambassador to another—of Lord Salisbury, their chief, as a "Philistine carrying a blunderbuss loaded with cowdung," instead of "a man, with the very newest repeating rifle, very sharp

balls, and very dry powder."

Principles of Political Economy. By J. Shield Nicholson, D.Sc. Vol. III. Books IV. and V. (Black.)

IT is pleasant to be able to congratulate Prof. Nicholson on the completion of the third and concluding volume of a work which in method, in width of scope, and in vigour of dealing with the economic questions of the day may more fairly compare with the historic 'Wealth of Nations' than any other completed economic treatise with which we are acquainted. We say "com-pleted," for no English economist can forget Prof. Marshall's great work, which we trust soon to see attain its full stature. The distinguished career of Prof. Jevons was cut short before he was able, as he desired, to apply the wisdom stored in his 'Principles of Science' to the unfolding of the 'Science of the Development of Economic Forms and Relations' which he contemplated. Happier than Prof. Jevons and more than one of his predecessors, Prof. Nicholson has brought his own labours to a conclusion. He has long been engaged over the task. Eight years elapsed between the appearance of the first volume and the third, and the idea of the work had been originated some time before it took a concrete form. The reasons for the delay are stated in the short notices which form the preface to each volume. Severe and protracted illness is unhappily referred to more than once. Yet the delay has in some ways been an advantage to the writer. It has allowed a longer time for study, and has permitted the expression of his more mature judgment. All this was facilitated by the method followed in the construction of the work as described in the preface to the first volume. In this the author says, "It has grown up out of my notes"; these, it is mentioned, were not written out in full, as "with short notes it is much more easy to alter the material, and to adjust the emphasis according to the development of the subject, or changes in affairs." This is a judicious course for a lecturer to take. Prof. Nicholson has been able to avail himself of the increased interest in economic questions shown of recent years, and exemplified in the establishment of the London School of Economics and of the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Birmingham, to name only two conspicuous instances. The numerous quoconspicuous instances. The numerous quotations in his pages show how great the extent of his own reading has been. But even if the titles of the works cited had not been given, every careful reader would still have been able to understand how thoroughly the writer had assimilated the results of contemporary study. In saying this we do not desire in the least to appear to detract from Prof. Nicholson's originality of treatment of his subject. The capacity for assimilating contemporary knowledge is a proof of mental power largely exhibited throughout his work. Economic study is passing through that phase of development which naturally occurs in every living science as the range of its investigations widens. More and more separate branches will be dealt with by specialists, and it becomes increasingly needful for the professor, who of necessity treats the subject as a whole, to avail himself of the labours of others on particular subjects.

It is to the third volume of the 'Principles' that our remarks must be confined. This volume contains Book iv., 'Economic Progress,' and Book v., the 'Economic Functions of Government,' Book iii., on 'Exchange,' having occupied vol. ii., and Books i. and ii., 'Production' and 'Distribution,' vol. i. Even when the scope of our examination is thus restricted, it is difficult within the bounds to which this notice must be limited to do justice to the unusual wealth of material accumulated and employed. We think it best to confine our remarks to the concluding book, that on the 'Economic Functions of Government,' partly because by doing this we hope to be able to give our readers a more exact idea of the value of the work than if we endeavoured to place before them the results of an examination of a wider tract of its contents, and partly because few portions of economic theory have of late years been less studied in this country than the proper functions of Government and the economic basis of taxation. Till the comparatively recent appearance of Prof. Bastable's 'Principles of Finance,' the latest book on the subject-if we do not include Dowell's 'History of Taxation,' the title of which sufficiently indicates its scope-was some half century old, this being McCulloch's 'Taxation and the Funding System,' a work which no student would desire to disparage, but which ap-proaches the subject from a totally different side. This neglect, so far as the subject of fiscal legislation is concerned, no doubt resulted from the ease with which for the lifetime of nearly two generations taxation had been levied in the United Kingdom. The mournful wail of the poet over

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ceased to be heard for years, while, so far as the idea of Government is concerned, the popular view of the best form was, to the ideas of many, summed up in the readily applicable dogma of laissez faire. At the present time both these aspects of the subect have altered. Further forms of taxation have to be found—would, indeed, have had to be found if the war in South Africa had never occurred. These, much as we might desire it had been otherwise, may compel the re-establishment of some imposts from which we had fondly hoped we were for ever emancipated. In his remarks on fiscal legislation Prof. Nicholson is peculiarly happy. For instance, he points out that, contrary to the ordinary impression, the incidence of taxation, though nominally on things, practically falls on persons. Herein lies one of the great difficulties in securing equality in taxation, which is the main desire of the legislator. The person on whom the tax falls naturally seeks to transfer the burden to some one else. This is not invariably possible, nor is it always desirable when possible. When it is, the real effect of the tax may be very different from that which the Chancellor of the Exchequer who imposed it fondly hoped would be the case. "The it fondly hoped would be the case. 'shifting' of taxes may lead not only to inequalities, but to injurious effects on the productive powers of the society as a whole." The revenue required

"is as a rule more conveniently raised, both from the point of view of the Government and its subjects, from a small number of very productive taxes than from a large number with smaller returns per unit. This was one of the principal reforms advocated by Adam Smith with reference to the British Customs Duties, and was carried into effect by Sir Robert Peel and his successors."

It has, however, been thought, and by some very able financiers, that concentration on a few heads has been carried too far in the United Kingdom for safety, especially as the amount of the public revenue had to be largely increased, and that the burden of taxation would be less felt if spread over a wider area. It is far more difficult, however, to reimpose a tax, even though that tax may be small, than to retain one. On the side of the taxpayer, the back becomes used to the burden; on the side of the vendor of the article struck by the tax, this does not invariably appear to be raised in cost to the purchaser exactly in proportion to the duty imposed, just as, in reversing the operation, the price is not always lowered in proportion to the remission of the duty. For instance, it is not certain that the price of grain or of several other articles of ordinary food—as butter, cheese, or eggs—would be enhanced proportionately if a very low duty were placed upon them. Yet it is so certain that a Chancellor of the Exchequer, whoever he might be, who reimposed the shilling registration duty on corn, removed by Mr. Lowe (Lord Sherbrooke), or who proposed to put a low charge on butter or eggs, would be accused of protection and favouritism to the landed interest, that it seems unlikely that the most courageous of Chancellors of the Exchequer or of Cabinets would venture now on such a step. We wrote this before Sir Michael Hicks Beach announced his bold move of a corn tax.

In the presence of the greatly increased amount of taxation which this country appears likely to find it necessary to raise, the importance of sound principles is especially great. The manner in which taxes are spent is even of greater importance than the way in which they are levied. Prof. Nicholson does well to remind us that good finance consists more in the spending than in the collecting of revenue. The first thing to seek for is equality of benefit in expenditure. This seems easy to speak of, but is most difficult to attain. Every remission of or exemption from taxation involves inevitably—so long as expenditure remains on the same level—the imposition of a new tax or an addition to an old one. Hence, as with taxation, expenditure ought always to be viewed as a whole. What is given to one must be of necessity, unless taxation is to be increased, taken from another. The desire of the tax-imposer is to attain equality, but the difficulties of securing this are almost insuperable. These are the same whether it is a direct or an indirect tax that has to be considered. Though the incomes of individuals may be nominally equal, the demands on those incomes may be very different. What is a luxury for one person may be a necessary for another, so that equal sacrifice is hardly attainable. A rough-and-ready limit is hence applied, as in the levy of the income-tax, where a free minimum is allowed. Again, the same principle is recognized in the exemption of the part of income saved and employed for

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providing life insurance. At first sight nothing appears more fair than this exemption. The money is saved, not spent; hence it seems only equitable that it should not be treated like income on which taxation is admissible. Yet we have to remember the instances of those persons (and they are not a few) who do not, and for sufficient reasons cannot, employ their savings in this manner. If consideration for the taxpayer is to be the basis of remission, some of them are even more deserving of pity. Persons may be unable, through some bodily infirmity or the result of some accidental injury, to insure their lives. Yet they may be persons of narrow means, whose family circumstances require the utmost provision possible to be stored up for those who may survive them. Yet on the amount of their income which they save, income-tax must be paid; while the healthier man, who can insure his life,

This is but one instance of the difficulties which environ the practical application of the principle cited. Again and again the reader of Prof. Nicholson's book is brought back to the conviction that, while the basis on which taxation is founded in a country should be such as will admit of a ready adjustment to the requirements of the day, the higher the amount of taxation the more unequal it becomes. It is wise to bring to the mind of the present generation the classical quotation "Magnum vectigal est parsimonia." Our story about the occasion when it was used differs, however, from Prof. Nicholson's. The pronunciation of the word was that usual on the Continent and in Ireland and Scotland; under this the form it assumed was "vecteegal" (not "vectigal"). It was Pitt who corrected the pronunciation, according to our tradition, which went on to say that Burke repeated the phrase with the inflection given to it in the correction, declaring he was thankful to have the opportunity of reminding the House again of the truth of the sentiment. But we must not linger over this branch of the subject, able and attractive as Prof. Nicholson's treatment of it is. While the first duty of the sovereign is to preserve the people committed to his charge in wealth as well as in peace and happiness, the parallel but not opposing obligation of the powers that be is expressed in the phrase, "The very existence of a sovereign state involves political independence." On this basis economic principle comes in "as a deduction from, or a part of, the general system of utilitarianism." Here the principle of maximum utility is involved. That profit is only one element in economic advantage was the foundation of the arguments of Adam Smith. Prof. Nicholson does well to remind us of this and of the touching sentence from the preface to the last revised edition of the 'Theory of Moral Senti-ments,' in which Adam Smith expressed his hope, in the last year of his life, still, at his then "very advanced age," to use his own words, to be able to carry out his intention of following up the 'Enquiry concerning the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations' by "another discourse" on "the general principles of Law and Government." That the adoption of the principle of unregulated laisses faire is as dangerous in many instances to the welfare of the

community as State regulation, if not more so, is painfully true. In a popular sense Free Trade is spoken of as an equivalent to laissez faire. Prof. Nicholson is careful to point out the difference. It is marvellous to see how soon a dogma like "Free Trade," when it once gets hold of the public mind, is warped from its original intention.

Our further remarks must be brief. benefits, the failures and defects of individualism, the methods and limitations of Government interference, form the subject of three very important chapters. The difficult question of municipal trading is also dealt with. "The increase of local expenditure in recent years is the best comment on the need for economy." Legislation on this subject has been unfortunate of recent years, partly owing to the manner in which wellintentioned but ill-arranged efforts to save the resources of the public have worked out. Though it was the last thing which was intended, one of the results of these endeavours has been the slowness with which the country has employed the forces of electricity. Municipal management has checked the enterprise of private companies in a manner doubtless not foreseen. One of the reasons of want of expansion in our trade is to be found in this :-

"Recently municipal authorities have embarked on various forms of trading enterprise, and even speculation. Some of these concerns, when allowance is made for all the supplementary charges and for insurance against future loss or depreciation, do not really pay their expenses, and ultimately involve an increase of the rates.....It seems hopeless to rely on the judgment and restraint of the local authorities, and the only effective check seems to be more thorough and severe control from above, and in particular by an increase of the powers of the Local Government Board as regards methods of preparing annual budgets, audit of accounts, and limitations of borrowing nowers."

But we must close with the expression of our gratitude to Prof. Nicholson for this valuable addition to our economic library and a notice of one or two minor points. We regret Prof. Nicholson's acceptance of the crude theory that the social influence of Puritanism in the seventeenth century caused a deliberate acceptance of a lower tone of public duty. It is at least as probable that this deadening of the social mind resulted from the lower standard following the debaucheries which accompanied the Restoration. There is much that is charming in the concluding chapter of the book, which reads like the confession of a "schöne Seele," and we deeply appreciate the revolt which Prof. Nicholson proclaims against "intellectual agnosticism" and "moral pessimism." We hold with him that "perfect charity involves perfect know-ledge." Till that postulate is attained we must be content to work on in hope.

We have searched through the three volumes without discovering the reason why, while the first and third volumes possess fairly adequate indexes, the second volume is without one. It may be merely an omission from our own copy alone. We have examined the index to vol. iii. to see if it supplied the missing link, but this does not appear to be the case. When this deficiency is filled an index to all the three volumes might be advantageously supplied. We

may, on the other hand, say, to the credit of the printer, that we have scarcely found a misprint throughout the three volumes.

Autobiography of Sir Walter Besant. With a Prefatory Note by S. Squire Sprigge. (Hutchinson & Co.)

"Well, I have lived a happy life," said Hazlitt, as the shadows were closing round him, and to many who know only the outward facts of his biography such a verdict, however pleasant to hear, may seem sur-prising. But probably no one will be for a moment astonished at a similar pronounce-ment on his own career by Sir Walter Besant. He called one of his novels 'The World Went Very Well Then,' meaning by "then" a certain part of the eighteenth century; but the phrase might aptly have been applied to his own time as he himself found it. True, there were monsters at whom he kept hurling strong and trenchant spears, but these very contests were not wholly undelightful; he was one who could feel the joy of battle. He liked entering a dragon's den, dragging the beast into the daylight, and reducing it to impotency. Such encounters worried him but little, or comparatively little-certainly not enough to mar his peace of mind or interfere seriously with his literary undertakings. His equanimity was soon recovered, if it was ever lost; and, laying down the sword with which he had transfixed some fraud or other, he took up his pen and went on writing as if there had been no trouble to disturb him. In the noble tribute which Mr. George Meredith paid to his memory we read that

"it is hard to speak of him within measure when we consider his devotion to the cause of authors and the constant good service rendered by him to their material interests. In this he was a valorous, alert, persistent advocate, and it will not be denied by his opponents that he was always urbane, his object being simply to establish a system of fair dealing between the sagacious publishers of books and the inexperienced, often heedless producers."

"Always urbane"—that is, never spiteful or bitter-spirited, though often enough indignant at what he believed to be mean and fraudulent, and expressing his indignation with unmistakable clearness and force—no personal rudeness was allowed to intrude into his controversies. He was disinterested in his wrath, and he was firmly convinced of its righteousness. But, it must be added, he was unreasonable in his views of publishing, and he did harm by an advocacy which the judicious could not support.

Of his "official life" in L'Ile de France

Of his "official life" in L'Ile de France—it was one that might have worn out a less brave and buoyant spirit—he says himself:—

"The continual struggle worried me all the time, but perhaps it kept me alive. The rector had at least the power of making his enemies 'sit up.' In a tropical country it must be confessed that it is a great thing to be kept on the

alert."

And as to a temperate climate the same confession may be made. Besant was always on the alert, whatever the latitude of his residence. Not that he was never off the war-path—never resting from a blow at some tempting miscreant. We have adverted to such combats—following his own example in his autobiography passim—only because

in many natures they would have produced much acrimony and wretchedness, whereas in his case no such baneful result followed. But he was not always at "the front." If he had some foes, and was, in fact, proud of their being so, his friends were simply countless. And if he enjoyed smiting a foe, he yet more enjoyed embracing a friend. There never was a man of a more genial and friendly disposition. There are several persons yet living who can vividly recall him as a Cambridge Freshman over fortyfive years ago. He describes himself in the volume before us as at that time somewhat shy and reserved; but any such unsocial manner very soon vanished, and he became one of the most popular men at Christ's. Everybody knew "W. B.," as he was commonly called, and to know him was to like him and to become fondly attached to him. And so it was throughout the forty years that were to follow. Wherever he went he made multitudes of friends. And at the time of his lamented death he may assuredly be spoken of as scarcely less popular in the larger English world than he had been as a youth in the little world of his college. No wonder then that the retrospect of his career as he gives it is cheerful and bright, and that he can say with the famous essayist as he lay dying: "Well, I have lived a happy life." "No one," he writes,

"ought to acknowledge more profoundly than myself the happiness that has been bestowed upon me; the domestic peace; the freedom from pecuniary troubles; literary success in a measure unhoped for; a name known all over the English-speaking world; and circles of friends. And with them a whole army of enemies—exactly such enemies as one, at the outset, would desire above all things to make: the spiritualistic fraud with his lying pretensions and his revelations revealing nothing from the other world; the sickly sentimentalist blubbering over the righteous punishment of the sturdy rogue; and the shrieking sisterhood. They are all my enemies; and if at the beginning of life I had been asked what enemies I would make—could I have made a better choice?"

In the midst of his novel-writing and other literary business he has been, he tells us, as happy as a man can be:—

"The novelist is absorbed almost every day for three or four hours with his work. Unless he is working at other things he lives in a dream; he does not want to talk much; he does not want society; he wants only to be left alone. To dream away one's life is pleasant; but alas! no one knows how swiftly the time passes in a dream. For thirty years I have been dreaming during the greater part of the year. What should I have done had it not been for this pageant of Dreamland which has kept me perfectly happy, though sometimes careless and oblivious of the outer world?"

"My course as a novelist—or anything else—is now nearly finished. I do not suppose I can, even in the few years or weeks that may be left me, do anything so good as the work that lies behind. But of all forms of work there is none, to me at least, which could possibly be more delightful than that of fiction. One never wearies of the work; it fills the brain with groups of people, all curious and all interesting, some most charming and some most villainous."

Certainly all his friends, and, we think, many of those enemies whose enmity he welcomes with such gusto, will read with interest this account he gives of himself—of his early circumstances and environment,

of his growth and education, of his various experiences, of his aims and aspirations, of his successes and achievements. Mr. Squire Sprigge, in a kindly and judicious preface, reminds us that the MS. was left unfinished and for the most part unrevised—that no doubt several things were to be added to the sketch Sir Walter gives of his London studies (he promises to "talk" of his books called, respectively, 'London,' 'Westminster,' 'South London,' and 'East London,' but never does so), and that he would probably have modified some expressions he uses about other matters; and this reminder should not be forgotten. But, with what-ever incompletenesses or imperfections, the volume is a very readable and interesting record of a very active and interesting life. While Besant lived, he lived. His head was always full of schemes, and his hands eager to carry them out, or to help in carrying them out. His diligence was marvellous, and the amount of work he got through immense.

"In my own case," he writes,

"I was endowed by nature with one quality which I am sure I may proclaim without boasting. It is that of untiring industry. It is no merit in me to work continuously. I am not happy when I am not working. I cannot waste the afternoon in a club smoking-room; nor can I waste two hours before dinner in a club library; nor can I waste a whole morning pottering about a garden; and in the evening, after dinner, I am fain to repair to my study, there to look over proofs, hunt up points, and arrange for the next day's work. Again, when I have fiction in hand I cannot do any good with it for more than three or four hours a day—say from nine till half-past twelve. In the afternoon I must work at other things."

Such unintermittent toil, we cannot but suspect, wore him out prematurely—"Labor omnia vincit improbus"—assuredly it conquers the labourer. Even in his so-called holidays—we speak on good authority—he gave himself, perhaps at last could give himself, no rest. For some hours every morning his pen must be going or he felt ill at ease. Even a good writer may write too much, may exact from himself too abundant an output, suffer from the disease of superactivity.

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And it would certainly seem that Sir Walter showed himself but scanty mercy. The burdens he imposed upon himself were enormous. "Well may he say in his autobiography," Mr. Sprigge observes,

"that he considers his literary work in regard to London no inconsiderable part of his life's labours. For a less indefatigable man, what he managed to accomplish of the Survey would have sufficed for a lifetime of effort. He proposed with his own pen to write the history of London from the earliest times to the end of the nineteenth century in their political and historical bearing.....He did not live to accomplish the task; but he made such headway with it that the whole of the history [Sir Walter himself says down to the end of the eighteenth century] from his own hand is finished in manuscript, and one volume is in type."

However, "nothing is here for tears." With him life meant work, and as long as he could he worked with a will and an insatiable enjoyment. He might have said with Petrarch: "Scribendi enim mihi vivendique unus (ut auguror) finis erit."

We have not now space, nor is this the proper occasion, to attempt any appreciation of his work — literary, antiquarian, philanthropic. The great critic Time will pronounce judgment soon enough, and with regard to literature the ultimate question, With what share of creative power was Sir Walter Besant endowed? will be finally answered. Meanwhile, we think nobody will assert that his own estimate of himself is anything but thoroughly modest and temperate. He represents his guardian angel saying to him as he is about to be embodied:

"You are to be endowed with certain powers of imagination which you will do well to cultivate; you will have a tolerably good memory, which you will also cultivate, if you are wise; in good hands you might become a scholar, a divine, a preacher, a journalist, a novelist, or a historian. There will be limits of course to your powers. I fear that to you will not be granted the supreme gift of the foremost rank."

The Scots in Germany: being a Contribution towards the History of the Scot Abroad. By Th. A. Fischer. (Edinburgh, Schulze & Co.)

The ubiquity of the Scot, summarized in many a merry jest, is constantly illustrated and seldom explained, for it is one of the many paradoxes which go to make up his complex character. He is at once an inveterate nationalist and a most serviceable cosmopolitan. Thus, while he gladly becomes an American citizen and adapts himself to his new surroundings, he retains his native characteristics, and celebrates St. Andrew's Day and Burns's birth with far more fervour than if he had never crossed the sea. The Englishman, on the other hand, does not readily enter into the citizenship of the Stars and Stripes; and yet his patron saint is the veriest phantom in his calendar. Again, the Scot is a rolling stone, but he manages to gather a good deal of moss. He is a rank individualist, and yet he believes in the right of the other man to live.

The philosophical explanation of the paradox is yet to come; meanwhile the data bearing on the Scot's ubiquity are gradually growing. It is just forty years since Michel produced 'Les Ecossais en France.' Two years later Hill Burton extended the inquiry in his delightful book 'The Scot Abroad although he underlined the Franco-Scottish alliance too exclusively. Father Forbes-Leith particularized the subject in his 'Scots Men at-Arms.' Since then we have had Mr. Ferguson's elaborate compilation 'The Scots Brigade in Holland,' while an essay by Prof. Donner describes, all too briefly, 'Scots Families in Sweden.' The history of Russia in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries is a running commentary on the services of the Scot, especially of Peter the Great's general, Patrick Gordon of Auchleuchries, whose famous diary fills up some gaps in the national archives.
Only the other day Mr. Hanna issued a big book on 'The Scoto-Irish in America. written in a spirit of proud patriotism; while of course a much more fervent panegyric could be written on the Scot in Canada, which is so dominantly Caledonian. Only the other year the present writer crossed the Atlantic with a very old Canadian who had been revisiting Scotland after sixty years' absence. He wore a huge broad bonnet with a diced edge, and enveloped his spare

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figure on stormy days in a "shepherd-tartan" plaid, while he smoked a short black clay "cuttie," and saved his "dottle" as though tobacco were still a dear commodity. In short, he looked exactly like an eighteenth-century representation of Tam o' Shanter.

The literature of the adventurous Scot, wide as it has become, is not without big gaps. One hiatus has now been filled by Mr. Fischer's contribution, 'The Scots in Germany,' although, as his preface admits, he has but tapped the subject. Mr. Fischer's method is characteristically Teutonic. It is almost painfully painstaking, resulting in a scrapbook rather than a monograph, with so little real sense of narrative skill that an appendix of 79 pages has had to be added to the 232 which form the main text. The book has no pretence to style, or, at any rate, to English style, for Mr. Fischer writes like a foreigner; for instance:—

"But in the land of their adoption also the Scots have left, though in the times when the drums of war did not cease beating, hundreds of them perished and left no trace behind, the grateful recollections of a new race."—P. 65.

"The records of New Brandenburg (in Mecklenburg Strelitz) have unfortunately been destroyed in the eighteenth century."—P. 79.
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"Now and afterwards a long time is often taken up to settle between the merchants of the different towns those quarrels that had their rise in piracy."—P. 12.

When all is said, however, 'The Scots in Germany' remains a most valuable, in some respects a unique, contribution to the subject. In the first place, Mr. Fischer produces a greater mass of data than any other writer, for he has simply ransacked German and Polish authorities unknown to the English writer. At a time when Germany is not exactly pleased with us, it is extremely interesting to find a German writing with the enthusiastic appreciation of the Scot which Mr. Fischer shows. Indeed, he has almost as much of the prafervidum ingenium as a man who has been born in the Ochils; and rarely has such a flattering picture of the Scot been painted—even by himself.

Mr. Fischer divides his book into four sections-commerce and trade, the army, the Church, statesmanship and scholarship. The area covered—though he does not say so specifically-is the modern German Empire in Europe. That is to say, he includes Poland, the historical literature of which remains a terra incognita to the average English writer. It is somewhat difficult to decide when the migration began. At first sight the Church might seem to be the starting-point; but Mr. Fischer decides that the "so-called Scottish monasteries on the Continent owe their origin to the Irish Therefore he is probably right in starting his inquiries with commerce and trade, where an historical basis is found in the famous treaty which William Wallace drew up for the merchants of Hamburg and Lubeck in 1297. The communication with the Hanse towns was probably a remnant of the much earlier Scandinavian idea of sea power, although at a later period it was undoubtedly strengthened by other causes, notably the spells of famine in Scot-land, the religious persecution, and the antagonism to England. It is certain, however, that the movement towards German ports arose from causes somewhat

different from those which created the longstanding alliance with France-the aspect of the question to which Hill Burton paid most attention. Investigators, Mr. Fischer included, have not assigned sufficient importance to this question of sea power in trying to solve the problem. The mere fact of England's antagonism to the Scot is not sufficient to explain his love for the continent of Europe, which, in turn, had such a powerful bearing on his institutions and his general cosmopolitanism. A great factor in the case was the circumstance that travelling by sea was cheaper and easier than a journey by land at a time when there were almost no roads worth the name. This facility has operated even in quite modern times. Thus the present writer knows of a case where a poor medical student, now occupying a high place in a London school, set out in a coasting vessel from a Scots town to Hamburg, wandering thence to a German university. Insignificant as the journey via London may seem, the difference in cost was really the deciding point as to whether he was to settle down as a humdrum practitioner at home or continue his studies abroad; and it is easy to see how much more readily such considerations must have operated in the thirteenth century. Once established-the Scot carrying wool in exchange for wood, beer, iron, or glass— the trade soon increased, for the intense clannishness of the Scot made him people the foreign ports with his own kith and kin, and stand out against the jealous antagonism of the natives. Trading was by no means an easy task. On the sea he had to face the dangers of piracy, practised as it was by the highest in the country. When he landed he was boycotted and checkmated in every possible manner. In 1412 the Diet of the Hanse Towns at Lüneberg proposed to interdict all commerce of the Baltic cities with Scotland; in 1498 Hamburg recommended the refusal of citizenship to strangers, more especially to the Scots and the English; while in 1564 Poland imposed on the Scots a poll-tax in common with the Jews and the gipsies. But the Scot, gaining strength from such opposition, maintained his ground, and sometimes settled permanently in the country, where his descendants are still to be found. Mr. Fischer, who might have followed out several such families, cites the case of A. von Skene, Freiherr and member of the Austrian Parliament, who owns "large cloth manufactories and sugar refineries in Prerau and Brünn."

These merchants were not mere moneygrubbers. They had a strong religious trend—still represented by Scots kirks in Holland and Northern Prussia—which kept alive a certain idealism and intensified their clannishness. One of the most remarkable cases is that of Robert Gordon, the founder of Gordon's Hospital, Aberdeen, now one of the biggest technical schools in the country. Mr. Fischer also mentions a certain Cockburn (germanized into Kabrun), who died in 1814, leaving 100,000 gulden for the foundation of a commercial academy at Danzig. This same touch of idealism had also much to do with the Scots "mercenary," whom Mr. Fischer dates from the fourteenth century and not merely from the Thirty Years' War, although for a long time before the appearance of Gustavus "Adolfus" (sic)

the pick of young Scotland had been drained into France and Holland. No doubt there was a very large element of the love of fighting and adventure in the Scots rallying to the Swede's banner; but there was much more. There was the struggle for the cause of a common religion and a feeling of loyalty towards the Stuart princess who had married the "Winter" King. This section of Mr. Fischer's book covers ground far more familiar, because more fascinating, than the annals of the shop. One would have liked to have some actual details of "the Hamiltons, Leslies, Gordons, Campbells, Gaudis, Johnstons, Spaldings, and others still occurring in German army lists."

The Scot's influence on the continental Church is even more marked. To the Roman monasteries, notably to Ratisbon, which passed out of Scottish hands so recently as 1862, he sent some of his best brains and saintliest souls. Mr. Fischer retells the story of Robertson of St. James's Monastery who rescued in 1808 the Spanish general, the Marquis of Romana, from the island of Fünen, where Napoleon had immured him with 10,000 troops. Protestantism owed almost as much to the Scots, for it was an Edinburgh man, Alexander Alesius (that is, Alane), who became the first academic teacher of Lutheranism in Brandenburg. The Protestant side of the Scot is not, however, quite so apparent in Germany, because while the precursors of Knox turned to Wittenberg and Luther on the question of separation from Rome, they reduced their schism to dogmatic form in Geneva. German Protestantism is deeply indebted to John Durie, a remarkable man, whose pre-eminence has been established only of recent years, while nearly a century and a half later William John Gottfried Ross, a descendant of the old Earls of Ross, "played an active part in the realization of the union between the Protestant parties in Prussia by the king's command."

In the section devoted to the statesman and scholar the outstanding figure is Kant. It is unfortunate that Mr. Fischer has been able to throw little additional light on the ancestry of Kant. He might have mentioned the supposition that the family came from Kincardineshire, and called attention to that vigorous Covenanter Andrew Cant. As it is, Mr. Fischer simply leaves us where we were in stating that the philosopher's grandfather "was born of Scottish parents."

Mr. Fischer's appendixes are exceedingly valuable, containing lists of names of the utmost importance to the genealogist. Such work, however, rightly belongs, as Mr. Fischer suggests, to "some society like the Scottish History Society or the Society of Antiquaries." A great deal yet remains to be done, especially in regard to "the Scottish settlements in Prussia only." Mr. Fischer has made an admirable beginning, producing a book that is stimulating in its enthusiasm and valuable for the light it throws on the remarkable cosmopolitanism of the Scot, which has been and is of such value to the Empire.

NEW NOVELS.

Desiderio. By Edmund G. Gardner. (Dent & Co.)

"An episode of the Renaissance" Mr. Gardner calls his story; and as a description of some of the more obvious aspects of that somewhat over-described period it has its merits. The date is about 1509, and all the right people are there: the petty potentates, half dependent on the Pope, who want to get bigger and wholly independent; the improper females; the mercenary troops; the secularized clerics, including the greatest of them all, Pope Julius II.; Cardinal Alidosio and his future slayer, Duke Francesco Maria of Urbino; Pietro Bembo, not yet cardinal; a sermon by Savonarola (in the Prologue), and a comedy by Ariosto. Mr. Gardner has got up his period well; and if one cannot always quite fit Cittanova and its events into the accepted geography and chronology of Italy, he has himself foreseen this possibility. The Cardinal Duke, who "loved Italy with a fierce and stormy love," and "had convinced himself that he was fated to be....the Romulus that should be the founder of the united Italian nation," strikes us as particularly hard to accept. Is there good reason to suppose that any petty Italian potentate of those days had formed any conception of "Italy" except as a collective term for a number of desirable properties, as many as possible of which he would like to have the taxing of? We have never found any. The worst feature in the book, however, is a certain strain of rather unwholesome pietism, which, as it is apt to do, goes with a touch of even more unwholesome "realism." Whether a character like Mr. Gardner's Desiderio was possible in that age of cynical effrontery is not easy to say; if he was, somebody may have taken Bembo's Platonics seriously. But the Italian seems in all ages to have been a practical person, in his virtues and in his vices alike; when he dabbled in mysticism, as no doubt he did a little in that age, he somehow does not convince us that it went very far into him; and the blend of mysticism and sensualism in which the modern novelist revels, and of which 'Desiderio' is an example, has, we think, always been a rare growth in the peninsula. Where has Mr. Gardner met with the word "goujeres"?

The Under-Secretary. By William Le Queux. (Hutchinson & Co.)

THE plot is ingenious and well managed. Even the experienced novel-reader may fail to see a way out of the difficulties of evidence which confront the hero, but an ingenious solution is offered. The writing of the story shows carelessness in detail and an easy fluency which is a dangerous gift. We are heartily tired of "smart society" as exhibited here and elsewhere. And we may add that it is wise to say that your hero made a thrilling speech, not so wise to give it. No special knowledge or slavish copying of current politics is exhibited.

Rash Conclusions. By G. W. Appleton. (Chatto & Windus.)

This is a detective story; the crime is

cerned are artists. "Gladys Elliot, admittedly one of the most beautiful women in London, whose face, for two seasons, had beamed gloriously from Royal Academy frames," is the victim; and the discovery of her body by her husband in the studio of one of his intimate friends is cleverly managed by the author. Ingenuity is shown also in the subsequent attachment of suspicion first to one, then to another, and finally to a third of the characters. The dénoûment is tragi-comically grotesque and startlingly absurd, coming as it does at the end of a narrative told in the colloquial and matter-of-fact strain. The writing makes no pretensions to style, and the characters are no more than characters of the conventional type. The book is what many people call a railway novel.

A Damsel or Two. By Frankfort Moore. (Hutchinson & Co.)

Mr. Moore seems to be growing younger year by year. His literary fecundity is remarkable; his tireless flippancy and high remarkable; his tireless fitppancy and high spirits are proof of an admirable constitution; that both are appreciated by a large and admiring circle is suggested by the words "forty-first thousand," "forty-seventh thousand," and so forth, which follow the titles of his rapidly lengthening list of published novels. The present volume seems to us to contain less of merit then any of its predecessors but as it contains. than any of its predecessors, but as it contains even more of flippancy and high spirits, this may not in any way militate against its popularity. It is written in the vein in which one supposes practical jokes and horseplay to be organized by the guests at country - house parties. It is mainly concerned with the doings of a rascally financier, who operates from a suite of rooms in the Coniston House Hotel, Piccadilly, where we find him on back-slapping terms with the Duke of Cinque Ports and Lord de Crecy. We have Mr. Meadows, who during the South African war brings the circulation of his morning newspaper up to a million, and we have the various greedy, aristocratic decoys, who take bribes from the shady financier. It is a very modern story, bright and not unamusing, as has been indicated, but very superficial, and manufactured, apparently, with great haste.

In the Shadow of the Purple. By George Gilbert. (Long.)

This "Royal Romance" is a somewhat unsatisfactory production. It is a hybrid compounded of biography and fiction in the proportions of about three parts of the first to one of the second. In neither department can the writer be pronounced highly suc-cessful; there is hardly any pretence to critical discrimination, and the style is in general careless when not meretricious. Yet the book is by no means destitute of a certain interest. Familiarity with the life of George IV. and his circle is displayed, and the picture drawn of him in his last days as a friendless old man, tormented with his ailments and subject to pitiful delusions, approaches pathos. The impression given both of the king and Mrs. Fitzherbert, the This is a detective story; the crime is two principal personages, is just in the makes three mistakes, omitting murder, and most of the persons conmain, and the figures of the royal princes, lines, printing "Badnock"

Fox's Duchess of Devonshire, and Mrs. Jordan are lifelike and pleasing. But we question if there is any sufficient justification for the very unattractive presentation of Queen Charlotte. On the whole, we cannot think it desirable that the unsavoury doings at the Brighton Pavilion, and the squalid incidents of a period of Court history pre-eminent for mean scandals, should be popularized in fiction; and the reputation of Mrs. Fitzherbert, to clear which the book purports to have been written, has long been safe with historical students. These last will be surprised at the misprints and mistakes that occur, particularly in the list of authorities. We notice printed in the body of the book a playbill (dated October 3rd, 1805) announcing the per-formance of Oliver Goldsmith's celebrated comedy 'The Country Girl,' and a play produced by Sheridan and acted by Mrs. Jordan, said to be 'Piarazzo'!

SCOTCH HISTORY.

The Records of Invercauld, 1547-1828. Edited by the Rev. John Grant Michie. (New Spalding Club.)—The New Spalding Club has done some excellent work in family and local history, but it can hardly be congratulated on the production of the present volume. The Invercauld charter chest, no doubt, contains materials which in the hands of a competent scholar might furnish an interesting book; but to put order and life into the chaotic mass would require an editor better qualified for the task than Mr. Michie. The one thing worthy of praise is the excellence of the illus-trations. The papers are badly put together, and the arrangement is difficult to follow or understand. Those which are of undoubted value to the local historian are often buried under a mass of unnecessary and incorrectly copied details. The book is divided into several heads-'Genealogy of the Clan,' 'Estate Papers,' 'Woods and Grazings,' 'Family Papers,' in-cluding social life at Invercauld and visitors there-but the information given under one head might be often more appropriately entered under another. The genealogy itself is by no means satisfactory. For instance, on p. 11, Robert (III.) of Invercauld is said to have died in 1666, and Alexander, his brother and heir, in 1681. But in the 'Family Papers' we find a bond of relief to the last Robert of Invercauld dated July 30th, 1683, and no explanation is offered of the discrepancy. Equally divergent statements are made regarding the parentage of Elizabeth McIntosh, Lady Invercauld. She is in one place called daughter of William, and in another of Sir Lauchlan McIntosh. The former statement, it may be mentioned, is in agreement with the Macfarlane genealogical collections, where, however, her husband is called Alexander Farquharson, Laird of Wardhouse. The 'Estate Papers' seem to have been copied from an inaccurate inventory. The editor's description of deeds and their effects shows a lack of legal knowledge. The titles mentioned at the top of p. 58 would not reduce a wadset. Charters of confirmation under the Great Seal (p. 76) are only granted by the Crown; and where is the sasine of May 20th, 1505, recorded, seeing that registers of sasine were not introduced till nearly a century later? There are many errors of the press or of transcription: "loderrors of the press or of transcription: "lod-den" (p. 232) should evidently be boddin, and on the next page "pot" should be pit; "Duy" (p. 262) should be Dni, and "Vatchabil" (p. 265) should probably be answerable. In copying a single deed from the Fourth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission the editor makes three mistakes, omitting two or three lines, printing "Badnock" for Radnoch,

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and "Lorne" for Tome. The most curious example of the editor's want of familiarity with charter language is his explanation of "duodecem lye reik hennis," forming part of the feu duties of certain lands. Besides giving an incorrect account of "reik" here, he tells us that "a lie hen was a live fowl." Mr. Michie has not observed that lie or le in Latin documents of the kind invariably precedes the introduction of a word in the vulgar tongue. Yet on p. 255 he had before him "et lie knaveshyps ejusdem" and "cum lie sheillings et pas-turis." The most interesting part of the book in The most interesting part of the book is the Monaltrie papers, which relate mainly to the '45. They should, however, have been elucidated by a detailed pedigree. The letters of Lord George Murray, though trivial in parts, are also of interest. In a note of doubtful form we are told that "the present Mr. Farquharson of Invercauld is.....lineally descended from Lord George Mr. from Lord George Murray; and the present Duke of Atholl is the representative in the male line from the same ancestor." The index to the volume—which particularly needs a complete index—is unfortunately very defec-Many names of persons and places are

omitted altogether. The Family of Burnett of Leys, from the MSS. of the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms. Edited by Col. James Allardyce, LL.D. (New Spalding Club.)-The editor is to be commended for the careful way he has treated the excellent genealogical work which Mr. Burnett began and did not live to finish. The late Lord Lyon, of whom a short biographical notice is included, lived long enough to finish only a portion of the book, and the rest has been judiciously compiled from his unfinished notes by Col. Allardyce, and in its present form is a valuable addition to Scottish genealogy. The book consists of a very clear history of the Burnetts of the North. Mr. Burnett deduces by "proof amounting to a moral certainty" the origin of the family from the Saxon family of Burnard. who appear in Domesday Survey as mesne tenants in Bedfordshire of a Norman knight, William de Ow. In the twelfth century the Burnards are said (the evidence given on this point is by no means explicit) to have come from England to Scotland, where undoubtedly a family of the same name was possessed of the barony of Fairnington in Roxburgh as early as 1200. From this southern branch (and not from the family of Burnevilla, as they claim) descended, it is stated, the family of Burnett of Barns, and also the Alexander Burnett who was first of the Deeside Burnetts, with whom the book is alone concerned. This Alexander Burnett went north in the train of Robert I. of Scotland, and received along with William of Irwyn a grant from the king, before 1232-3, of part of the lands of the Forest of Drum, which grant was afterwards confirmed by King David II. Leys became the seat of the family, and the pedigree is certain from John Burnett of Leys, circa 1446. Full historical notices. ecmpiled with great detail, are given of each of the lairds and of the heads of the younger branches. Incidentally, longer notices of such men as Bishop Gilbert Burnet and Lord Monboddo are inserted; and among the variety of curious information included we may point out the will of Robert Burnet of Cowtown, in 1637, providing for the marriage of his daughters to men of his own surname selected by himself, and also the pleasant letters (pp. 124-5) from the Electress Sophia of Hanover and her family to Thomas Burnett on his release from the Bastille in 1703. important appendix, containing the chief charters of the lands, patents of honours borne by the family, wills, and some correspondence, is added, and there is also a full index. The book is well illustrated, and contains, among other portraits, one of Sir Gilbert Burnett, the first baronet, after Jameson's painting, and a fine portrait of Miss Burnett of Monboddo

(Burns's Beautiful Burnett). It is more easy to say why this portrait is included than why the Monboddo branch (now Burnetts only in the female line) are given in full detail to the present time alone among the descendants of Burnett heiresses mentioned in this valuable work.

### SHORT STORIES.

A Book of Stories. By G. S. Street. (Constable & Co.)—"I have gone over the product of some seven years-lean ones, I fear-of occasional story-writing, and have selected what it will please me, and what I hope it may please a few other people, to have in the form of a book." Thus the author in his prefatory note, the tone of which is characteristic. The modesty of that "lean ones, I fear," is, of course, pride; but it is a very proper pride. Mr. Street is altogether proper, and no man could understand better than he the virtues of continence and reticence. The seven stories which go to make up this volume are, with the possible exception of the last two, the extreme brevity of which one does not regret, very creditable, very workmanlike studies in fiction. In choosing his characters Mr. Street shows an exclusive preference for polite society, or rather for that section of society whose members are traditionally credited with the possession of good breeding and polite manners. To be sure, he is well aware, as these pages frequently show, that the ladies and gentlemen of this class are not invariably polite. In fact, we think upon the whole that Mr. Street likes them most when they are pillow-fighting or tobogganing down the stairs of country houses, or otherwise engaged in pursuits which effectually veil the suavity of their manners. But that does not alter the fact that he himremains throughout genuinely urbane, and is, alike to his readers and his characters, consistently polite. His pillow-fighting youths and maidens pall upon one somewhat, but are, of course, very wholesome, and are observed with real wit and understanding. But they dominate the little world of this book rather more than is agreeable. Mr. Street's work ought to be popular. It combines something of the deftness and subtlety of Mr. Henry James with high spirits and many of those qualities which go to make a book interesting.

Plots, by Bernard Capes (Methuen & Co.), a volume of short stories, derives its name from the last item in it, a collection of some dozen or more hints for plots which, as Mr. Capes informs us, arose under his pen at various times, but arose only to be rejected. These sketches constitute in some sort a new genre, resembling a troop of playful spirits, not as yet subject to the restrictions of incarnation, but free to run hither and thither at will. They exhibit a kind of extravagant ingenuity, and please by their irresponsible humour. The idea of the 'Dead Cook at the Bottom of the Coal Shoot' diverted us not a Of course, as their author would admit, they are too slight and unorganized to be regarded as anything more than sallies of the imagination. Taken as such they will afford a quarter of an hour's mild entertainment. Turning to Mr. Capes's finished efforts, where the idea has become invested with organic form, we find in each of his stories a careful attention to style and a considerable power of chiselled expression. There is humour in them also, though we deprecate a tendency to pun: "his old elbow-chair-wintry as the evening by token of its long-vanished spring, is one of too many undignified instances. Mr. Capes's talent runs decidedly to the weird and supernatural, but the effect is impaired by a simultaneous insistence upon the real. The reader is challenged, as it were, to criticize the unaccountable by finding the circumstances of everyday life so closely juxtaposed. The postulate which the frankly unreal always

demands is never quite granted, and the result is a state of puzzle which is fatal to complete artistic enjoyment. Thus the idea both of the 'Devil's Fantasia' and of the 'Green Bottle' -we will not disclose either—is undeniably clever, but the note of realism struck at the beginning does anything but capture our imagination for the uncanny developments. On the whole, therefore, the story called 'Jerry of the Marsh,' though less characteristic, is the best in the book. 'Lot 104' is feeble; 'Cupid and Psyche,' even when labelled "a fairy tale," is too violently improbable and contradicts its own formula; and 'The Lord of Burleigh' is commonplace. Of external incident Mr. Capes displays now and again some accurate observation, at times perhaps a little too curious, and therefore below the line of easily recognizable imitation. In general, his is the talent which adds line upon line, the distinc-tive mark of his work being its scrupulous execution of detail, and not the energy which informs and transmutes an otherwise negligent cast of expression.

### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Messes. Longman & Co. publish Tommy Cornstalk, by Mr. J. H. M. Abbott, late a corporal in the First Australian Horse. "Tommy Cornstalk" is, of course, the Australian form of "Tommy Atkins," the cornstalk being the young colonial; and Mr. Abbott's book is readable. He takes the sound view that, in spite of what he calls "the malevolent lying which takes place upon both sides, not so much among the actual combatants as between the skulkers. the war has been marked by exceptionally good relations between the sides. is that, with the exception of the wars of 1866 and 1870, there has never been a war so free from disgraces to civilization. The opinion to the contrary effect which still lingers in some extreme quarters upon both sides is largely based upon the private letters of soldiers, which compare favourably, from the point of view of exaggeration, with the best performances of Baron Munchausen. Mr. Abbott has a very interesting passage about General French, and takes the view that this officer is responsible for his own successes, and does not owe them, as some think, to others. General French did not do conspicuously well in the largest manœuvres which have ever been held in this country, when he commanded Sir Redvers Buller' cavalry against the Duke of Connaught, but we believe that Mr. Abbott is right in thinking him, in spite of his appearance, a fine leader and a good general. cavalry Abbott describes General French as sitting his horse like a sack of flour, and says that new-comers put him down as a colonel of infantry who has learnt to ride late in life, but adds that he can stick on notwithstanding. Mr. Abbott also takes the right line about the artillery, whose services throughout the war have been conspicuous, and have not, we think, been marked by any single regrettable incident. We draw the moral that esprit de corps has enormous importance. The British forces are all raised from exactly the same type of recruit, and yet the result has in this war proved extraordinarily different in different cases, the secret being the confidence of the men in their own officers, and their pride in the traditions of their corps.

WE cannot now discover any real mistakes in that best of books of reference, The Statesman's Year-Book, so we are forced to try to find omissions. Even these, having regard to the true plan of the book and its limitations, do not exist. With a view to what the future may bring forth it might have been well to index under the cross-reference of "Persian Gulf" the account of the Bahrein Islands. There is

doubtless nothing more difficult for the editors, Dr. Scott Keltie and Mr. Renwick, than to deal with islands which have been annexed" first by one and then by another power, and which are in fact either uninhabited, like St. Paul and Amsterdam, which were once British and are now French, or independent, like Kishm. The Morning Post has lately stated that we have a "port at Bassidah, on the Island of Kishm, which is still British territory." The editors of the 'Statesman's Year-Book' do not appear to think There is much to be said for either view. but the matter may easily become important. The international "Provisional" Government of Tientsin is, we think, omitted. It will doubtless be dead before the end of the year. We do not find the international garrison of Crete named, nor the foreign garrisons of the various concessions at Shanghai. Messrs. Macmillan & Co. are, of course, the publishers.

Friends that Fail Not (Hurst & Blackett) is the title of a volume of essays, mostly re-printed by Mr. Cecil Headlam from Literature. They deal with a variety of subjects, and contain a good deal of quotation which is skilfully introduced, the writing being easy and clever. We like best the first article, 'The Short Cut of Coincidence,' in which Mr. Headlam has less borrowed matter, dealing with reminiscence of his own and discussing ably the possibility of its use in fiction. Elsewhere he does not show his own hand sufficiently, does not intrude on us enough of the ego, which, for better or worse, makes the reputation of the essayist, to assure his position. But the confidence for such a venture well be derived from this collection, which seems aimed more at the casual than the literary reader. This is not to say that Mr. Headlam fails to show discernment on such diverse matters as Dickens and football. Reading the article on umbrellas, we are reminded of Miss Alcott's reminiscence of reminded of Miss Alcott's reminiscence of Emerson when his powers were declining. He started for a walk; it rained slightly, and he returned for something which domestics, who had not noticed the shower, could not conjecture. Another stick, handkerchief, and hat were offered in vain; then he was able to paraphrently. If I was the third the complex of the complex o paraphrase triumphantly, "I want the thing which your friends borrow and never bring back," There was method in his amposis There was method in his amnesia after all.

State Trials: Political and Social. Edited by H. L. Stephen. Vols. III. and IV. (Duckworth.)-To insist that the prevailing tone of levity which Mr. Stephen is pleased to assume in his preface to these further volumes of select State Trials should not deter a serious student of our constitutional literature from referring to the annotated text of this edition is perhaps the fairest view of the matter which can be taken by a critic. On the one hand, we have the editor's admission that his selecwe have the editor's aumission visc into the tion has been made without any regard to the subject. "For dignity or importance of the subject. "For my purposes," he states, "a trial must be interesting, my test for which is that it must interest me; it must not be necessarily disgusting, though it may contain a good deal of coarseness; and above all it must be short."
On the other hand, we have the fact that the text of one of these trials is printed here from a hitherto unpublished manuscript. Of this achievement the editor pleasantly professes himself to be "very proud," and to wish "to get all the credit for it" that he can. Mr. Stephen is certainly entitled to considerable credit for his publication of the Helmingham manuscript, containing a valuable contemporary report of the trial of the Earl of Essex. But apart from this special claim to serious consideration, the general editorial treatment of the cases included in these two volumes is on the whole satisfactory. The special introductions to the several trials and the bio-

graphical and historical foot-notes should prove of real value to the general reader, for whose benefit these selections have evidently been made. Of the eleven cases included in these two volumes only those connected with the rebellion of the Earl of Essex and the murder of Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey are of any real historical interest. The rest certainly afford many curious revelations of the state of society in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries; but we would venture to suggest that their chief claim to comply with the "test" imposed by the editor, on behalf of himself and his readers, is their undoubted interest as "historical mysteries."

Mr. B. Tacchella is to be congratulated on *The Derby School Register*, 1570 - 1901 (Bemrose & Sons). We well know the difficulty of obtaining trustworthy records of school-boys, and wish that all schools would apply their zeal and industry as Mr. Tacchella has done to the elucidation of their past history. A good deal of the early detail of Derby School is shrouded in mystery, but much labour has been shown, and we hope, now that a start has been made, that this and similar records will be amplified.

Crockford's Clerical Directory for 1902 (Horace Cox) is out, an admirably exhaustive record, in which the new editor has displayed the proverbial diligence, while the preface is as lively reading as usual.

WE have also received The Stock Exchange Official Intelligence (Spottiswoode & Co.), an imposing and wonderfully full volume, and the Official Year-Book of the Church of England (S.P.C.K.), the preface of which says: "There are, no doubt, signs of seeming failure and loss, which may be used by some to foster political agitation against the National Church, these will be interpreted as evidences of diminution of influence and a decadence of adhesion among the people,' We are glad to see this sentence, though it is needlessly elaborate and ill punctuated .- The Advertiser's A B C (T. B. Browne), Howe's Charities (Longmans), and The Year's Art (Virtue & Co.) are also valuable manuals.

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### PITT AND GENERAL MIRANDA

THAT Pitt, shortly before his death, foretold the deliverance of Europe from the yoke of Napoleon through a war of patriotism in Spain is a fact which has been duly chronicled amongst historic prophecies. At the same time, the full significance of this famous saying can scarcely be appreciated unless we regard it as including in its prescience the emancipation of the Spanish settlements in South America.

The intimate relations of Pitt with the Spanish revolutionary party in the New World have often been asserted and never been denied. The fact, indeed, was never been denied. notorious during his life, and details of these negotiations were published within a few years of his death. These curious revelations, which appeared under an assumed name (Antepara, 'South American Emancipation,' London, 1810), can unquestionably be attri-buted to the famous Creole revolutionist Francesco de Miranda, who was the leading spirit in the whole of these proceedings. book attracted much attention at the time. and it was the subject of a notable article in the Edinburgh Review (vol. xiii. p. 295). Quite recently further investigations have made, and many new facts have been disclosed by the industrious researches of historical scholars in both North and South America. Few English scholars are perhaps aware of the extensive nature of these researches or of the importance which attaches to a right understanding of the motives of the English Government in its relations with Miranda and his party (American Historical Review, vols. iii., iv., and vi.). Possibly the story will be told some day by those who have the patience to unravel a very tangled skein of political intrigue; but, in the first place, it is desirable that the course of the negotiations between Pitt and Miranda should be stated with as much exactness as possible.

The documents on which the existing evidence is based are obviously incomplete, and form part of a much larger collection which has never seen the light. It is significant that our existing knowledge of the matter is derived from documents published by Miranda himself, after Pitt's death, from rough notes or memoranda in his own possession. It is now known, however, that a great mass of Miranda's papers came into the possession of the English Government during the revolutionary war in South America and that they were conveyed to this country in a British man-of-war. These papers have never been published or referred to from that day to this, though fragments of Miranda's later correspondence were published by the Marquis de Rojas in 1884, and further fragments of an earlier date by M. A. Rojas in 1889. It will be evident, however, that at least the originals of Miranda's letters to Pitt must have been in that minister's possession, and some important papers relating to these negotiations are, in fact, still preserved amongst his official

The published account of General Miranda's career assumes that he passed through England on his way to the Continent in the year 1785. It assumes also that previous to his interview with Pitt in 1790 no com-

munications had been received from him by the English Government. It is, therefore, a discovery of considerable interest that, as early as the year 1783, an elaborate plan had been conceived for the emancipation of South America, which was submitted to the English Government within a few months of its inception. Still more interesting is the fact that this project proves to be practically identical with the scheme which is known to have been put forward by Miranda himself in 1790 and 1796, and which was finally adopted by the English Government in 1804. There is, indeed, every reason to suppose that the author of this earlier project was none other We learn from more than Miranda himself. than one source that in the year 1782 he had been dismissed the Spanish service for alleged complicity with Don Juan Manuel de Cagigal, commandant of Havana, in illicit trade with North America, to which charge was added another of having corruptly communicated the plans of the fortifications at Havana to the English Government. We also learn that early in the year 1783 both the accused officers were preparing for a journey to Europe in order to escape the violence of the colonial govern-

Amongst Pitt's official papers there is preserved a fragment of a journal compiled at the close of this same year in which the objects and proceedings of a certain revolutionary "Association" are recorded by an English "Association" are recorded by an English sympathizer. Their leader appears to have been a certain Don Juan, who may with some probability be identified with Miranda's old comrade in arms and companion in disgrace at Havana. Whether this supposition be correct or not, it can at least be shown from internal evidence that the plan of campaign advocated by the "Association" was dictated by Miranda himself.

The plan in question had for its avowed object the emancipation of Spanish South America by means of an expedition to be fitted out by the British Government, or at least

with its connivance.

It had been originally intended that the English Government should be asked to dispatch a squadron with 6,000 troops to La Plata. Of these 4,000 would proceed to occupy Buenos Ayres, whilst the remainder were to make the Chili coast, and thence advance upon Peru. Meanwhile the troops at Buenos Ayres would have marched on These operations were to be Incuman. assisted by a rising in the northern provinces, where the strength of the Association lay, and where their leaders had been for some time past at work, organizing and drilling the Indians. Unfortunately, we are told, when this project was on the point of being disclosed to the English Government, peace was signed with Spain. Under these circumstances the Association was prepared to make the attempt with a force of only 1,200 men in six vessels. proposed destination of the expedition was Callao, the port of Lima, reputed the most vulnerable point in the Spanish settlements. Anticipating possible objections, it was pointed out that the English Government need not be compromised by this attempt. The trouble between Russia and Turkey would trouble between Russia and Turkey would enable the revolutionary leaders to obtain commissions from the Czarina. The ships would be fitted out at Ostend or elsewhere, and no difficulty would be found in obtaining volunteers in England, for "Peru and Chili is the land of promise for English seamen," If the expedition were unsuccessful it could be discussed as well as in Somers's case; if, on the other hand, it should succeed, it would "change the political state of Europe as well as of America and raise this country to its proper height on the ruins of the house of Bourbon." The recompense to England for her moral support of the expedition would be great: the exclusive trade with

South America for ten years, special privileges for the East India Company, a subsidy of 1,000,000l. yearly, and 4l. per month for every soldier or sailor employed south of the equator, ample provision for factories and equator, ample provided settlements, with the occupation during a term of years of the port of Valdivia; lastly, the still valuable monopoly of negro slaves, until such time as the framers of this project could accomplish their design of freeing all the slaves upon Spanish soil.

The question naturally occurs, What relationship do these interesting negotiations bear to those of 1790 and later years? fact, had Pitt to do with the matter? To this it may be answered that the very fact of these documents being found amongst Pitt's official papers indicates that the matter had come to his knowledge. Again, Pitt, as we know, took office in December of 1783; a few weeks after this revolutionary association had been repulsed (as their journal tells us) by Fox and the Coalition ministry. Is it not, therefore, almost certain that they must have submitted this project to a minister from whom they had every reason to expect a favourable hearing? We might even suggest that this plan of campaign, prepared (as we know) in America in the autumn of 1782, was evidently intended for the information of the Shelburne ministry, of which Pitt was a member. But before the emissaries of the revolutionary parties arrived in England peace had been declared and the Shelburne ministry had resigned.

We have no means of ascertaining what may have passed between Pitt and the South American delegates in December of 1783, for at this point the journal ends. The friends of the Association were, however, fully conscious that the political position was now widely different from what it had been when their proposals were first drafted. The minister could scarcely have replied otherwise than that the present moment was not a propitious one for the execution of their designs. We can only speculate whether he made use of any expressions which might have led his interviewers to believe that in the event of war with Spain their project would receive a more favourable consideration. In any case they seem to have assumed as much, for in 1790, when a rupture with Spain appeared inevitable, Miranda appeared before Pitt with a similar project and met with a flattering reception.

We know already that the intervening period had been spent by Miranda on the Continent, and in more than one capital he would have learnt that the course of events following the Peace of Versailles was tending to facilitate the execution of his designs. There is, however, nothing in these documents to indicate that Pitt had been in personal communication with Miranda on a previous occasion. Now, however, he was presented to the minister by ex-Governor Pownall, who had already advocated the policy of intervention in South America as early as the year 1780. It is worth noting that both Pownall and Wilberforce were regarded by Miranda as his personal friends. What passed at this interview has hitherto been known to us only from Miranda's statement made to a third person and after-wards suppressed (Report of the Trial of Sir

Home Popham, 1807).

Amongst the Pitt MSS., however, there exists the original narrative of the whole course of the negotiations between Pitt and Miranda in the latter's own handwriting. From this curious document it appears that during the spring and summer of 1790 the minister was busily engaged upon the details of Miranda's "grand plan" for an expedition to South America in support of a rising of the Creoles and native Indians which was to be secretly organized by means of the exiled Jesuits. The nature of these negotiations is confirmed by other evidence, and especially by a letter from Sir Archibald Campbell to Pitt

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respecting the prospects of an expedition against Florida which was already planned, and which, if the minister would but lift his finger, might be rendered certain of success by the co-operation of the western settlers, who were ready to follow the English flag in defiance of the ostentatious neutrality of the United States. The convention between England and Spain which was concluded in October, 1790, was doubtless a heavy blow to Miranda's hopes. The ministry had, in fact, gone so far as to prepare a proclamation for distribution amongst the natives upon the arrival of an English expeditionary force. In this curious document the hand of Pitt is perhaps discernible in the draft of a new constitution for the South American States. Miranda on his part seems to have been attracted by the traditions of an older native civilization, which were still cherished by the Indian tribesmen of the interior. These traditions, however, were blended by his faction with the theory of the English constitution and the neo-classicisms of continental jurisprudence in an amusing disorder.

According to one such scheme which is preserved in the Pitt MSS. the new government would consist of an Inca, or emperor, Caziques, or senators, and a legislative assembly "elected by all the citizens of the Empire to quinquennial parliaments." The judicature nominated by the Inca must resemble that of England, but there would be elective censors "to watch over the morals of the senators." When not so occupied, these Argus - eyed would apparently supervise academies for young gentlemen and ladies.3 It followed as a matter of course that in addition to censors there must be Ædiles, for the survey of public works, and Quæstors, for the scrutiny of the public revenues. Finally, as in England, legislation must be effected by the

joint consent of the three estates.

Before the close of the year 1791 Miranda, having failed to obtain from Pitt a pension of 1,200l. a year, left England once more. During the next six years he succeeded in gaining a certain notoriety in the service of the French Republic, but he was disappointed in his expectation of obtaining an independent command within striking distance of the Spanish When war with Spain was forced on Pitt in 1796 Miranda returned to England to remind the minister (as he tells us) of a former promise. What took place at this conference we can only guess, but a year later we find these negotiations taking a more formal shape, comprising, in fact, the heads of a definite convention with the South American revolu-tionary junta then sitting in Paris. Some details of the terms proposed in this convention have been published by Miranda himself, but the authentic documents have now been found amongst Pitt's own papers. Here we have the convention between France and the revolted colonies of North America in 1778 proposed as a model for the present negotiawith this important difference - that the United States were now to be invited to form a separate treaty of "friendship and alliance" with the emancipated colonies. with the emancipated colonies. The actual conquest of South America, however, was to be carried out by ships and men provided by England, provision being made for repayment of the expenses of the expedition. In the event of Spain attempting to recover South America by force, the United States were to supply troops in return for the possession of Louisiana and Florida. Finally, the control of the isthmus of Panama was to be secured to England for a term of years in connexion with an isthmian canal, which would be at once undertaken. On the other hand, the new confederation

would occupy Havana, which was regarded by Miranda as the key of the Gulf of Mexico.

It will be evident from the above brief outline of the proposals made to Pitt by the revolutionary committee in 1797 that were much less favourable to England than Miranda's own project of 1790. The reason is, of course, to be found in a desire to enlist the sympathy of the United States, whose minister at the Court of St. James was supposed to be, in common with many leading Americans in opposition, not unfavourably inclined towards The plan was the cause of emancipation. The plan was equally supported by such influential men as Melville and Popham, whilst Grenville went so far as to declare that he thought it "the greatest object for this country to attend to and almost the only one to save her." From some cause or other, however, even the separate negotiations with the English ministry fell through, and Miranda returned to his French employment. Nevertheless, a definite agreement had been arrived at as to the feasibility of an attempt upon Caracas from the newly conquered base of Trinidad. The capital of Venezuela was Miranda's native place, and his undoubted influence offered a reasonable prospect of obtaining possession of the Terra Firme and with it the control of communications between North and South America. Failing American co-operation on the side of Florida, the northern passes of the isthmus might be occupied from the Pacific, while separate expeditions from England and even from India could invest Buenos Ayres and the Chilian and Peruvian ports.

At some date in the year 1801 Miranda seems to have abandoned his long connexion with the French Republicans, and to have returned to England. Possibly his eyes were opened by the discovery of the designs of France upon Louisiana, a valuable asset in his scheme of Anglo-Saxon support against Spanish rule in America. With peace at last restored to weary Europe and Pitt no longer in office, Miranda had to be content with vague promises, and some pecuniary assistance from the Addington ministry.

In 1803 we have a renewal of the projects for a descent on the South American coasts through the insistence of Pitt's old colleagues. The way was thus prepared for a final reconsideration of the whole question when Pitt returned to office in 1804. Once more there were differences of opinion as to the objective of the proposed expedition, the respective merits of an attack upon Buenos Ayres and Lima being weighed with Miranda's own project against Caracas and the old attractions of the Mosquito Shore. Finally, it seems to have been decided that Miranda should make the first attempt with a force of South American exiles and North American volunteers equipped by British money. As to the further operations, we know from the report of his famous trial that Popham was left under the impression that he had a free hand with regard to a descent on Buenos Ayres, a view which is strongly supported by papers which are to be found amongst the Chatham MSS.

In June of 1805 Miranda wrote what was perhaps his last letter to Pitt, asking permission to leave England immediately in order to put his plans into execution. A few months later we find him cruising in the South Atlantic on board a noted American "free-trader," laden with "all sorts of warlike implements, printers and printing-presses, and commanded by a master who appeared to King George's officers "a perfect pirate in idea." There then we must leave him; for at the outset of the venture Pitt was dead, and personal responsibility for the events which followed, including in due course the emancipation of South America, was at an HUBERT HALL.

SIR ASTON COKAIN'S WORKS. 6, Gordon Square, W.C., April 12th, 1902.

I HAVE a copy of the 'Small Poems of Divers Sorts' referred to by Mr. Barnett Smith. It is cut and frayed, but from collation with the Museum copy appears to be complete. It has no portrait, and I should be glad to share your correspondent's doubt on this point, but I note that the leaf following title to 'Poems' bears signature A 3, and this suggests, I fear, that there was originally a portrait leaf counted A. My copy has three separate titles: 'Poems, 'Obstinate Lady,' and 'Trappolin.' I am no I am not quite clear whether Mr. Barnett Smith's has general title besides. In my copy, and probably in all, there is an error in pagination, by which pp. 461-480 are twice numbered. and consequently the last page is numbered, and consequently the last page is numbered 508 instead of 528. Also the 'Poems' end on T 6, p. 284, and the 'Obstinate Lady' begins on v, p. 289. Two leaves, therefore, appear to be missing both in signature and number, but I believe this is so in all copies, though the hiatus gave me a fright at first.

HUGH CANDY.

### HIBBERT SALE.

MESSRS. SOTHEBY, WILKINSON & HODGE sold on the 9th to the 12th inst. the library of the late Lieut.-Col. E. G. Hibbert. The books were all in fine condition, bound by Bedford and the best French binders, and the prices realized were remarkably high. Beaumont and Fletcher, first edition, 1647, 631. Joannis Bertandi Encomium Trium Marianum, &c., Paris, 1529, 911. Boccaccio's Decameron, first English translation, both parts dated 1620, 63l. Burns's Poems, first edition, Kilmarnock, 1786, 189l. Butler's Hudibras, 3 parts, all genuine first editions, 1663-78, 401. Byron's Poems on Various Occasions, the rare privately printed edition, Newark, Ridge (1806), 501.; The Waltz, 1813, 781. Caxton's Chronicle of England, printed by Julian Notary in 1515, 130l. Cervantes's Don Quixote, by Shelton, both parts, 1620, 61l. Les Liaisons Dangereuses, special copy on vellum paper, 1796, 801. Hypnerotomachia Poliphili, 1499, 721. Geo. Daniel's Merrie England in the Olden Time, his own copy, extra illustrated, 1842, 551. Dares Phrygius de Encidio Troiæ, Wittemb., 1518, in an exhibition binding by Lortic, 55l. Defoe's Robinson Crusoe, 2 vols., and Serious Reflections, first editions, 1719 - 20, 2061. Charles Dickens, Various First Editions, 30 vols., 1837-74, 831. D'Urfey's Pills to Purge Melancholy, 6 vols., 1719-20, 491. 10s. Ph. Fletcher, The Locusts, first edition, 1627, 691. Gray's Odes, first edition, 1757, and other Strawberry Hill pieces, with autograph notes by Horace Walpole, 601.; Gray's Poems, with Mason's Life, Walpole's own copy, with MS. notes and extra prints, 1775, 1971. Holinshed's Chronicles, 1577, 601. Ben Jonson's Workes, Chronicles, 1577, 601. Ben Jonson's Workes, first edition, Vol. I., 1616, said to have belonged to Charles I., 611. Keats's Poems, first edition, 1817, 791.; Lamia, &c., 1820, 551. Lafontaine, Contes, 1762, 491. La Guerinière, École de Cavalerie, 1751, 661. Le Sage, Gil Blas, Paris, 1796-1801, special illustrations and 71 original drawings, St. Dephysic and Chlois with the Regent's 811. Daphnis and Chloë, with the Regent's plates, 1718, 481. Marie Antoinette, par P. de Nolhac, Japanese-paper copy, 1890, 701. Thos. Middleton's A Tricke to Catch the Old-One, first edition, 1608, 501. 10s. Milton's Paradise Lost, first edition, third title, 1668, 471. Sir T. More's Utopia, by Robinson, first edition, 1551, 701. Notes and Queries to 1897, with eight indexes, 361. Nuremberg Chronicle, a very fine and large copy, 1493, 1201. P. Paruta, Della Vita Politica, 1579, Henri III.'s copy, with arms of Henry and Louise de Lorraine, 2501. Pope's Works by Du Roveray, special copy, with ten drawings by Burney, 1804-6, 801. Queen Elizabeth's Prayer Book, 1804-6, 80l. Queen Elizabeth's Frayor Shak-1591,

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A STRIKING proposition on metrical history was advanced on Monday by Mr. John Clark, Inspector of Schools, at a sectional meeting of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow. On an analysis of early Germanic and Anglo-Saxon verse Mr. Clark maintained that the percentage of lines alliterating only twice was so very large as to take away historical authority from the orthodox normal three alliterations per line. An examination of pre-classical Latin verse, in which the quantitative standards did not hold, disclosed so high a proportion of lines with at least two alliterations as to compel the suggestion for the arliest Latin poetry, however lacking in regularity, of a type

similar to the Germanic, distinguished chiefly by cessura and alliteration. The base of Mr. Clark's position is the undeniable and large existence of alliteration plus cessura in the earliest Latin Saturnian and other verse prior to the recognition of the quantitative standard. A clear and frequent use of occasional alliteration by subsequent classical poets, such as Lucretius, was explained as a trace of the persistence of the earlier mode in the newer style.

The literary contents of the May number of the Country will include 'A Plea for Shubberies,' by Mr. E. V. Lucas; 'Modern English Falconry,' by Mr. H. A. Bryden; 'The Garden that is all my Own,' by M. C. E. W.; poems by Mrs. Nora Chesson and Mr. Charles Marriott; and the first of a series of articles on 'The Country for Londoners,' Meredith's Country: the North Downs,' by Mr. A. H. Anderson.

M. GUSTAVE ISAMBERT, who died a few days ago, was better known as a politician than as a journalist. He was born at Châteaudun on October 20th, 1841, and adopted journalism as a profession at a very early age. He was one of the founders of the République Française, of which he was for some time editor in chief. He wrote, with Coffinhal-Lapraile, 'La Loi Militaire Expliquée, 1868, which ran through seventeen editions in about twelve years, and 'L'Impôt et son Emploi,' 1868, and edited the 'Lettres de Mademoiselle de Lespinasse' and the 'Neveu de Rameau.' He also contributed to the 'Livre d'Or des Peuples,' the 'Encyclopédie Générale,' 'La Vie Littéraire, &c. He had a very intimate knowledge of the eighteenth century, and, like most other French journalists, was personally acquainted with the rigours of prison discipline.—This week's obituary of Frenchmen also includes the names of M. Lorédan Larchey, librarian at the Arsenal, a journalist and author of repute, who was born at Metz in 1831; and of M. Paul Avenal, a minor poet and song-writer, who was a member of the Société des Gens de Lettres, in his eightieth year.

The following Parliamentary Papers have just been issued: Education, Scotland, Training of Teachers, Reports, &c. (5d.); Education, England and Wales, List of School Boards, &c.  $(9\frac{1}{2}d.)$ ; and Abstract of Accounts for the University of Aberdeen for the Year ended September 15th, 1901 (4d.).

### SCIENCE

GEOLOGICAL LITERATURE.

The Anthracite Coal Industry. By Peter Roberts, Ph.D. (Macmillan & Co.)—A glance at any geological map of North America will show in the eastern part of Pennsylvania a kind of archipelago of long narrow islands of coalmessures, all aligned roughly in a north-east and south-west direction. Each of these islands is a small coalfield, separated from the rest by denudation in the same manner as the whole of them are separated from the main mass of the great Appalachian coal region to the west. This limited area—the thirteen or fourteen basins of the entire cluster are together less than 500 square miles, or some 200 square miles less than our own Newcastle coalfield—is of great economic value, for it contains virtually the anthracite which the United States possesses. There is plenty of good coal in the rest of the

country, but here only is found that hard, bright, black, clear-ringing, almost smokeless and flameless coal, difficult to ignite, but intensely hot, which has become the favourite fuel for domestic purposes in the States and to which it is due that one's shirt collars remain clean so much longer in New York than in London. Each individual anthracite basin is so small and narrow that if the strata of which it consists were lying flat or at a low angle of dip the included coal-seams would soon be worked out. It happens, however, that each field is in the form of a deep fold or series of folds laterally pinched in. The seams are thus bent and packed in such a way as to yield the maximum of coal under the minimum of surface area. This stratigraphical arrangement-due to great earth movements of later date than the coal itself-is indeed a lucky one. Owing to it an output of some 60,000,000 tons of very special fuel may continue for eighty years longer at least and possibly to the end of the century, and that too notwithstanding the fact that about one-fifth of the original coal-contents has already been extracted and consumed. In the interesting book before us Dr. Roberts gives a clear and commendably brief account of all these things. His main object, however, is less to describe the coal and its mode of occurrence (as regards the vexed question of its origin he, indeed, hazards no opinion) than to consider the social and industrial questions to which its develop-ment has given rise. Without going into too much technical detail he explains intelligibly the methods of mining in vogue in the district viz., by open workings, or, as he calls it, "stripping mining," where the "cover" is removed by steam shovels, known as "American devils," and the coal is wrought out in quarry-like trenches; by "slope mining" or inclined drifts; or, in the ordinary way, by shafts. The great thickness of some of the seams—attaining 100 feet in extreme cases - and the ever-varying dip due to their folded condition are the causes of the different systems of coal-getting. 'Capitalization' and 'Transportation' occupy two important chapters, in which the history of the gradual growth of contrivances to bring coal from its rock-bed to its market is well told. The difficulties of getting people to buy the coal in the old days are touched upon, but less fully than we might have wished. We should have liked more illustrative stories such as that of Col. Shoemaker, who, after hauling anthracite over a hundred miles to Philadelphia and giving most of it away, had to beat a hasty giving most of it away, had to beat a hasty retreat, pursued by a writ charging him with being a knave and a scoundrel for having palmed "stones" on the good Quakers for coal. More also might have been told of the long trains of "arks," or strings of box-like rafts, which once carried the coals down the Lehigh and Susquehannah rivers, and were broken up and sold as lumber at the port of arrival. From such early transport it is a far cry to the eleven railways— or "railroads," as the Americans prefer to put it-which now do the work, and which are re-which now do the work, and which are rapidly being merged into one great concern "by the financiering of J. P. Morgan." This great syndicate is also the owner of nearly all the mines. Dr. Roberts has a great deal to say respecting it, and in general approval of well-managed "Trust" operations of the kind. One even is led to wonder whether his book would have been written had the syndicate not

Other chapters deal fully with 'Mine Management and Inspection,' 'Workmen and Wages,' 'Profits of Operators,' 'Accidents,' 'Strikes,' 'Unionism,' and 'Reclaiming the Waste.' One headed 'Reflections' concludes the work. The subject of the mining population is remarkable, and well worth the attention of states. men and political economists. Since the early seventies a constant importation of foreign labour has been going on. There are now 140,000 men employed in and about the mines.

Of these a large and increasing number are Poles, Little Russians, Austro-Hungarians, and members of other nationalities, including many Italians. There are 100,000 of these foreigners in the immediate neighbourhood of the anthracite workings, representing some 35,000 miners and their dependents. The author, for convenience, lumps them all as "Sclavs." They live their own lives, speak their own languages, learn little or no Eng-lish, and, in Dr. Roberts's own words, "have come to stay." In 1897, out of 59,823 persons In 1897, out of 59,823 persons employed in 150 pits, 23,402 were native-born, 13,521 native citizens, and 22,860 aliens. In some collieries (chiefly in the open workings) not a single English-speaking employé is engaged, except the foremen. One result of this foreign labour. The average miner's wage is \$1.50 a day, but there are great inequalities. "In some places," we are told,

men actually do not work more than two or three bours aday, and draw \$55.00 or \$60.00 in wages for twenty-one or twenty-two days; others work from eight to ten hours a day and only draw \$35.00 or \$40.00 for twenty-one or twenty-two days."—P. 122.

The foreigners are willing to work nine or ten hours a day, the native American hardly spends more than five hours in the mine. These and other facts like them are significant. On the whole, we can recommend this carefully written and thoughtful book to all interested in labour questions and in the future of mining. Its value is much enhanced by numerous statistical tables and explanatory diagrams of all kinds.

The Student's Handbook of Stratigraphical Geology. By A. J. Jukes-Browne. (Stanford.) —About fifteen years ago Mr. Jukes-Browne brought out the forerunner of this work under the title of a 'Handbook of Historical Geology.' By that expression he obviously meant a work on the history of the earth throughout the geologic ages; but as there was the bare chance of misapprehension—some people having a suspicion that it referred to the history of geology-he has been led to abandon the old title in favour of one more familiar. The volume, however, is fuller than the present title suggests. It not only tells the story of the strata, but it includes a review of the successive forms of life which have tenanted our planet, and a record of the physical changes which from time to time have swept over its surface and modified the distribution of land and water. "Paleogeography" has always been a strong point with Mr. Jukes-Browne, and his attempts to restore the physical features of our country at each great period of geological time are full of interest. No two geologists, however, are likely to agree about the details of such restorations. Although much of the earlier work may be detected here and there in the present volume, the book has been so greatly modified that it may, broadly speaking, be regarded as a new work. A swift-stepping science like geology makes much progress in the course of fifteen years, and this advance finds faithful record in Mr. Jukes-Browne's pages. As an officer of the Geological Survey for many years, the author acquired an intimate acquaintance with certain formations; whilst respecting others he was in a position to obtain accurate information from his colleagues. Using these privileges to advantage, and keeping pace with the continued flow of geological literature, Mr. Jukes-Browne has produced an excellent compilation on stratigraphy, which it is not too much to say is at present our best text-book on the subject. It might have been well, however, to give fuller information with regard to the economic products yielded by the several formations. The nature of the scenery characterizing each group of rocks is also racterizing each group of rocks is also worth more notice. Mr. Jukes - Browne's knowledge of the upper cretaceous rocks is exceptionally wide and accurate, and we turn with confidence to that part of his work which

deals with this series. Following the practice introduced in his Survey Memoir on the 'Gault and Upper Greensand,' he includes these deposits, which to some extent may be regarded as different facies of the same formation, under the convenient term "Selbornian"—a term borrowed from Gilbert White's Hampshire village, where such strata are exposed. the lower greensand the author adheres to the name "Vectian," which he suggested long ago as a suitable designation for this stage, in con-sequence of its typical development in the Isle of Wight. Mr. Jukes-Browne was always rather fond of coining new words, but he has given up his "Hantonian" and "Icenian" in favour of "Palæogene" and "Neogene" respectively. The term "Dyas," which, in accordance with widespread continental practice, he formerly employed for the Permian system, he now discards. substituting for it the term "Permian," cards, substituting for it the term so much more familiar here, though a good deal may be said against its use. A welcome feature in Mr. Jukes-Browne's volume is the introduction of a number of geological maps of different parts of England and Wales, in which the outcrops are shown by differences of shading or of symbols. A similar set of maps is not to be found in any other text-book. It is true they are not coloured, but the student will find no better exercise than that of colouring them himself. It often happens that uncoloured geological maps, printed in the text, are indis-tinct; but these maps, issuing from Mr. Stanford's establishment, are characterized by exceptional clearness in the shading and letter-Another praiseworthy feature is found in the large number of horizontal sections which are scattered through the pages of this hand-

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LINNEAN.—April 3.—Prof. S. H. Vines, President, in the chair.—Mr. H. S. Thompson was admitted, and Messre. H. H. Haines, E. E. Lowe, and G. M. Ryan were elected Fellows.—Mr. R. Morton Middleton exhibited two letters from Linnœus to Dr. David van Royen and Mr. Richard Warner, of Woodford, dated respectively April 18th, 1769, and September 29th, 1758, as also a letter from Sir J. E. Smith to N. Wallich on Nepalese plants, written in 1819.—Remarks thereon were made by the Rev. T. R. R. Stebbing, Mr. Carruthers, and Mr. Daydon Jackson.—Mr. R. A. Rolfe, on behalf of the Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew, exhibited a series of specimens of Pachira aquatica, Aubl., and P. insignis, Savigny, from British Guiana, collected by the late G. S. Jenman, Government Botanist, to illustrate the great variation which exists in the size and shape of the fruits. It appeared that the two species were best distinguished by their flowers, those of P. insignis being very large and having broad crimson petals of considerable substance, while those of P. aquatica were smaller, and the petals light yellow, narrower, and of more slender texture. No distinguishing character had been detected in the fruit, which, though varying greatly in size and shape, seemed almost to duplicate itself in the characteristic forms of the two species. The shape varies in both from fusiform-oblong and considerably elongated to shortly elliptical, with a series of intermediate forms, as seen in the series exhibited. There was also a certain amount of variation of intermediate forms, as seen in the series exhibited. There was also a certain amount of variation bited. There was also a certain amount of variation in the leaves and flowers, though in the latter each species retained its own essential character. These trees were common over the great alluvial forest region, extending also to Brazil, and were commonly cultivated for ornament.—Mr. Carruthers deplored the loss which the Society had sustained by the recent death of Mr. Jenman, whose labours in the cause of botanical science, and whose work on the ferns of Jamaica especially, had added much to our knowledge of the subjects inwhose work on the ferns of Jamaica especially, had added much to our knowledge of the subjects investigated by him.—In the discussion which followed Dr. Rendle, Mr. Middleton, and the President spoke.—On behalf of Mr. W. B. Hemsley, Mr. Rolfe also exhibited some specimens illustrating the precocious germination of the seeds of a species of Dracæna. Germination had taken place through the pericarp while the berries were still hanging on the plant.—Mr. Spencer Moore read a paper entitled 'A Contribution to the Composite Flora of Africa,' in which he described a number of new species in the Herbarium of the British Museum. He found that the north-eastern tropics, especially British East Africa and the neighbouring parts of Somaliland and Southern Abyssinia, had yielded most of the

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THE May part of Chambers's Journal will contain articles by Prof. Hoffmann (Mr. Angelo Lewis) on 'The Game of Bridge,' by Mr. W. Sidebotham on 'Westminster and Coronations,' and by Mr. T. H. Escott on 'Colonial Secretaries I have Known,' including Mr. Chamberlain.

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MESSRS. PUTTICK & SIMPSON will include in one of their early May sales a fine copy of Shakspeare's Second Folio having the very rare Smethwick title-page. On the 20th of March last another copy with the same title, measuring, curiously enough, precisely the same (12½ in. by 8½ in.), realized 690% at Sotheby's, that being the highest amount ever obtained at auction for the volume in question. Nearly all the copies hitherto sold have had the Allot titlepage. The Daniel, Tite, Orford, Ives, and Daly copies all had the Allot title, as also have the three copies in the British Museum and the one in the Huth Library. The example in the Lenox Library, New York, has, however, the Smethwick title, and was purchased in 1855 from Mr. Henry Stevens, together with the three other Folios and about forty of the Quartos, for a lump sum of 600l. The prices realized in old days for the Second Folio are not without interest. They show that in 1680 about 16s. was deemed sufficient; in 1790, 4l. 4s.; in 1820, from 10l. to 13l.; in 1832, about 20l.; in 1873, about 45l.; and in 1890, from 50l. to 60l. A present price may be found elsewhere on this page.

A STRIKING proposition on metrical history was advanced on Monday by Mr. John Clark, Inspector of Schools, at a sectional meeting of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow. On an analysis of early Germanic and Anglo-Saxon verse Mr. Clark maintained that the percentage of lines alliterating only twice was so very large as to take away historical authority from the orthodox normal three alliterations per line. An examination of pre-classical Latin verse, in which the quantitative standards did not hold, disclosed so high a proportion of lines with at least two alliterations as to compel the suggestion for the earliest Latin poetry, however lacking in regularity, of a type similar to the Germanic, distinguished chiefly by cæsura and alliteration. The base of Mr. Clark's position is the undeniable and large existence of alliteration plus cesura in the earliest Latin Saturnian and other verse prior to the recognition of the quantitative standard. A clear and frequent use of occasional alliteration by subsequent classical poets, such as Lucretius, was explained as a trace of the persistence of the earlier mode in the newer style.

THE literary contents of the May number of the Country will include 'A Plea for Shubberies,' by Mr. E. V. Lucas; 'Modern English Falconry,' by Mr. H. A. Bryden; 'The Garden that is all my Own,' by M. C. E. W.; poems by Mrs. Nora Chesson and Mr. Charles Marriott; and the first of a series of articles on 'The Country for Londoners,'
'Meredith's Country: the North Downs,' by

Mr. A. H. Anderson.

M. Gustave Isambert, who died a few days ago, was better known as a politician than as a journalist. He was born at Châteaudun on October 20th, 1841, and adopted journalism as a profession at a very early age. He was one of the founders of the République Française, of which he was for some time editor in chief. He wrote, with Coffinhal-Lapraile, 'La Loi Militaire Expliquée, 1868, which ran through seventeen editions in about twelve years, and 'L'Impôt et son Emploi, 1868, and edited the 'Lettres de Mademoiselle de Lespinasse' and the 'Neveu de Rameau.' He also contributed to the 'Livre d'Or des Peuples,' the 'Encyclopédie Générale,' 'La Vie Littéraire,' &c. He had a very intimate knowledge of the eighteenth century, and, like most other French journalists, was personally acquainted with the rigours of prison discipline.-This week's obituary of Frenchmen also includes the names of M. Lorédan Larchey, librarian at the Arsenal, a journalist and author of repute, who was born at Metz in 1831; and of M. Paul Avenal, a minor poet and song-writer, who was a member of the Société des Gens de Lettres, in his eightieth year.

THE following Parliamentary Papers have just been issued: Education, Scotland, Training of Teachers, Reports, &c. (5d.); Education, England and Wales, List of School Boards, &c. (91/2d.); and Abstract of Accounts for the University of Aberdeen for the Year ended September 15th, 1901 (4d.).

### SCIENCE

GEOLOGICAL LITERATURE.

The Anthracite Coal Industry. By Peter Roberts, Ph.D. (Macmillan & Co.)-A glance at any geological map of North America will show in the eastern part of Pennsylvania a kind of archipelago of long narrow islands of coal-measures, all aligned roughly in a north-east and south-west direction. Each of these islands is a small coalfield, separated from the rest by denudation in the same manner as the whole of them are separated from the main mass of the great Appalachian coal region to the west. This limited area—the thirteen or fourteen basins of the entire cluster are together less than 500 square miles, or some 200 square miles less than our own Newcastle coalfield—is of great economic value, for it contains virtually the anthracite which the United States possesses. There is plenty of good coal in the rest of the

country, but here only is found that hard, bright, black, clear-ringing, almost smokeless and flameless coal, difficult to ignite, but intensely hot, which has become the favourite fuel for domestic purposes in the States and to which it is due that one's shirt collars remain clean so much longer in New York than in London. Each individual anthracite basin is so small and narrow that if the strata of which it consists were lying flat or at a low angle of dip the included coal-seams would soon be worked out. It happens, however, that each field is in the form of a deep fold or series of folds laterally pinched in. The seams are thus bent and packed in such a way as to yield the maximum of coal under the minimum of surface area. This stratigraphical arrangement-due to great earth movements of later date than the coal itself-is indeed a lucky one. Owing to it an output of some 60,000,000 tons of very special fuel may continue for eighty years longer at least and possibly to the end of the century, and that too notwithstanding the fact that about one-fifth of the original coal-contents has already been extracted and consumed. In the interesting book before us Dr. Roberts gives a clear and commendably brief account of all these things. His main object, however, is less to describe the coal and its mode of occurrence (as regards the vexed question of its origin he, indeed, hazards no opinion) than to consider the social and industrial questions to which its develop-ment has given rise. Without going into too much technical detail he explains intelligibly the methods of mining in vogue in the districtviz., by open workings, or, as he calls it, "stripping mining," where the "cover" is removed ping mining," where the "cover" is removed by steam shovels, known as "American devils," and the coal is wrought out in quarry-like trenches; by "slope mining" or inclined drifts; or, in the ordinary way, by shafts. The great thickness of some of the seams—attaining 100 feet in extreme cases—and the ever-varying dip due to their folded condition are the causes of the different systems of coal-getting. 'Capitalization' and 'Transportation' occupy two important chapters, in which the history of the gradual growth of contrivances to bring the coal from its rock-bed to its market is well told. The difficulties of getting people to buy the coal in the old days are touched upon, but less fully than we might have wished. We should have liked more illustrative stories such as that of Col. Shoemaker, who, after hauling anthracite over a hundred miles to Philadelphia and giving most of it away, had to beat a hasty retreat, pursued by a writ charging him with being a knave and a scoundrel for having palmed "stones" on the good Quakers for coal. More also might have been told of the long trains a first property of the property of t of "arks," or strings of box-like rafts, which once carried the coals down the Lehigh and Susquehannah rivers, and were broken up and sold is lumber at the port of arrival. From such early transport it is a far cry to the eleven railways --or "railroads," as the Americans prefer to put it—which now do the work, and which are rapidly being merged into one great concern "by the financiering of J. P. Morgan." This great syndicate is also the owner of nearly all the mines. Dr. Roberts has a great deal to say respecting it, and in general approval of well-managed "Trust" operations of the kind. One even is led to wonder whether his book would have been written had the syndicate not existed.

Other chapters deal fully with 'Mine Management and Inspection,' Workmen and Wages,' 'Profits of Operators,' 'Accidents,' 'Strikes,' Unionism,' and 'Reclaiming the Waste.' One headed 'Reflections' concludes the work. The subject of the mining population is remarkable, and well worth the attention of statesmen and political economists. Since the early seventies a constant importation of foreign labour has been going on. There are now 140,000 men employed in and about the mines.

Of these a large and increasing number are Poles, Little Russians, Austro-Hungarians, and members of other nationalities, including many Italians. There are 100,000 of these foreigners in the immediate neighbourhood of the anthracite workings, representing some 35,000 miners and their dependents. The author, for convenience, lumps them all as "Sclava." They live their own lives, speak their own languages, learn little or no English, and, in Dr. Roberts's own words, "have come to stay." In 1897, out of 59,823 persons employed in 150 pits, 23,402 were native-born, 13,521 native citizens, and 22,860 aliens. In some collieries (chiefly in the open workings) not a single English-speaking employé is engaged, except the foremen. One result of this foreign invasion is that the region suffers from surplus labour. The average miner's wage is \$1.50 a day, but there are great inequalities. "In

a day, but there are great inequalities. In some places," we are told, "men actually do not work more than two or three hours a day, and draw \$55.00 or \$60 00 in wages for twenty-one or twenty-two days; others work from eight to ten hours a day and only draw \$35.00 or \$40.00 for twenty-one or twenty-two days."—P. 122.

The foreigners are willing to work nine or ten hours a day, the native American hardly spends more than five hours in the mine. These and other facts like them are significant. On the whole, we can recommend this carefully written and thoughtful book to all interested in labour questions and in the future of mining. Its value is much enhanced by numerous statistical tables and explanatory diagrams of all kinds.

The Student's Handbook of Stratigraphical Geology. By A. J. Jukes-Browne. (Stanford.)

—About fifteen years ago Mr. Jukes-Browne brought out the forerunner of this work under the title of a 'Handbook of Historical Geo-By that expression he obviously meant a work on the history of the earth throughout the geologic ages; but as there was the bare chance of misapprehension—some people having a suspicion that it referred to the history of geology-he has been led to abandon the old title in favour of one more familiar. The volume, however, is fuller than the present title suggests It not only tells the story of the strata, but it includes a review of the successive forms of life which have tenanted our planet, and a record of the physical changes which from time to time have swept over its surface and modified the distribution of land and water. "Palæogeography" has always been a strong point with Mr. Jukes-Browne, and his attempts to restore the physical features of our country at each great period of geological time are full of interest. No two geologists, however, are likely to agree about the details of such restorations. Although much of the earlier work may be detected here and there in the present volume, the book has been so greatly modified that it may, broadly speaking, be regarded as a new work. A swiftstepping science like geology makes much progress in the course of fifteen years, and this advance finds faithful record in Mr. Jukes-Browne's pages. As an officer of the Geological Survey for many years, the author acquired an intimate acquaintance with certain formations; whilst respecting others he was in a position to obtain accurate information from his colleagues. Using these privileges to advantage, and keeping pace with the continued flow of geological literature, Mr. Jukes-Browne has produced an excellent compilation on stratigraphy, which it is not too much to say is at present our best text-book on the subject. It might have been well, however, to give fuller information with regard to the economic products yielded by the several formations. The nature of the scenery characterizing each group of rocks is also worth more notice. Mr. Jukes Browne's knowledge of the upper cretaceous rocks is exceptionally wide and accurate, and we turn with confidence to that part of his work which

deals with this series. Following the practice introduced in his Survey Memoir on the 'Gault and Upper Greensand,' he includes these deposits, which to some extent may be regarded the convenient facies of the same formation, under the convenient term "Selbornian"—a term borrowed from Gilbert White's Hampshire village, where such strata are exposed. For the lower greensand the author adheres to the name "Vectian," which he suggested long ago as a suitable designation for this stage, in consequence of its typical development in the Isle of Wight. Mr. Jukes-Browne was always rather fond of coining new words, but he has given up his "Hantonian" and "Icenian" in favour of "Palæogene" and "Neogene" respectively. The term "Dyas," which, in accordance with widespread continental practice, he formerly employed for the Permian system, he now discards, substituting for it the term "Permian," cards, substituting for it the term so much more familiar here, though a good deal may be said against its use. A welcome feature in Mr. Jukes-Browne's volume is the introduction of a number of geological maps of different parts of England and Wales, in which the outcrops are shown by differences of shading or of symbols. A similar set of maps is not to be found in any other text-book. It is true they are not coloured, but the student will find no better exercise than that of colouring them It often happens that uncoloured geological maps, printed in the text, are indistinct; but these maps, issuing from Mr. Stanford's establishment, are characterized by exceptional clearness in the shading and letter-Another praiseworthy feature is found in the large number of horizontal sections which are scattered through the pages of this hand-

### SOCIETIES.

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LINNEAN.—April 3.—Prof. S. H. Vines, President, in the chair.—Mr. H. S. Thompson was admitted, and Messrs. H. H. Haines, E. E. Lowe, and G. M. Ryan were elected Fellows.—Mr. R. Morton Middleton exhibited two letters from Linnaeus to Dr. David van Royen and Mr. Richard Warner, of Woodford, dated respectively April 18th, 1769. and September 29th, 1758, as also a letter from Sir J. E. Smith to N. Wallich on Nepalese plants, written in 1819.—Remarks thereon were made by the Rev. T. R. R. Stebbing, Mr. Carruthers, and Mr. Daydon Jackson.—Mr. R. A. Rolfe, on behalf of the Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew, exhibited a series of specimens of Pachira aquatica, Aubl., and P. insignis, Savigny, from British Guiana, collected by the late G. S. Jenman, Government Botanist, to illustrate the great variation which exists in the size and shape of the fruits. It appeared that the two species were best distinguished by their flowers, those of P. insignis being very large and having broad crimson petals of considerable substance, while those of P. aquatica were smaller, and the petals light yellow, narrower, and of more slender texture. No distinguishing character had been detected in the fruit, which, though varying greatly petals light yellow, narrower, and of more stender texture. No distinguishing character had been de-tected in the fruit, which, though varying greatly in size and shape, seemed almost to duplicate itself in the characteristic forms of the two species. The shape varies in both from fusiform-oblong and considerably elongated to shortly elliptical, with a series of intermediate forms, as seen in the series exhi-bited. There was also a certain amount of variation of intermediate forms, as seen in the series exhibited. There was also a certain amount of variation in the leaves and flowers, though in the latter each species retained its own essential character. These trees were common over the great alluvial forest region, extending also to Brazil, and were commonly cultivated for ornament.— Mr. Carruthers deplored the loss which the Society had sustained by the recent death of Mr. Jenman, whose labours in the cause of botanical science, and whose work on the ferns of Jamaica especially, had added much to our knowledge of the subjects investigated by him.—In the discussion which followed Dr. Rendle, Mr. Middleton, and the President spoke.—On behalf of Mr. W. B. Hemsley, Mr. Rolfe also exhibited some specimens illustrating the precocious germination of the seeds of a species of Dracema. Germination thad taken place through the pericarp while the berries were still hanging on the plant.—Mr. Spencer Moore read a paper entitled 'A Contribution to the Composite Flora of Africa,' in which he described a number of new species in the Herbarium of the British Museum. He found that the north-eastern tropics, especially British East Africa and the neighbouring parts of Somailland and Southern Abyssinia, had yielded most of the

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novelties, the chief collectors having been Mr. Scott Elliot, Prof. Gregory, Mr. F. J. Jackson, Lord Delamere, Dr. S. E. Hinde, Mrs. Lort Phillips, Dr. Donaldson Smith, the Rev. W. E. Taylor, of Mombasa, and Prof. Mackinder. From the southern tropics he described some plants collected by the late Mr. John Buchanan, Mr. Crawshay, and Mr. T. G. Een.—A new gnaphaloid genus (Artemisiopsis was characterized, and, inter alia, species of Vernonia, Erlangea, Helichrysum, Coreopsis, and Senecio.—A discussion followed, in which Dr. Rendle, Mr. Middleton, Mr. N. E. Brown, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Rolfe, and Dr. A. S. Woodward took part.—Prof. F. E. Weiss read a paper, illustrated by lantern slides, on a biseriate halonial branch of Lepidophioios fulliginosus. The branch in question, about 7 in. in length, was found in a large nodule by Mr. George Wilde at Haugh Hill, near Stalybridge. Dr. Scott, in a preliminary communication to the British Association in 1898, had identified it with the plant described by Williamson as Lepidophaloios. Prof. Weiss supported this identification, and brought forward several instances of halonial branches of Lepidophloios which possessed only two rows of tubercles, instead of the more usual quincuncial arrangement of the tubercles. The specimens referred to, of which photographs were shown, were from the British and Manchester Mussums, and instances were also cited from Williamson's published memoirs. The second part were shown, were from the British and Manchester Museums, and instances were also cited from Williamson's published memoirs. The second part of the paper consisted of a detailed account of the anatomy of this well-preserved specimen, which went to confirm Dr. Scott's previous identification of it.—In the discussion which followed remarks were made by Mr. Carruthers and Prof. F. W. Oliver.

METEOROLOGICAL,—April 16.—Mr. W. H. Dines, President, in the chair.—Capt. D. Wilson-Barker delivered a lecture on 'Clouds.' After some remarks President, in the chair.—Capt. D. Wilson-Barker delivered a lecture on 'Clouds.' After some remarks on the composition and the height of the stmosphere he said that until recent years comparatively little scientific attention had been paid to the subject of clouds. This he largely attributed to the lack of a simple practical classification. The French naturalist Lamarck was probably the first to formulate one, but Luke Howard, a London merchant, about 1802, introduced the first practical classification—one still in use among many observers Clouds are formed by one of two causes—viz. (1) the mixing of two masses of moist air of unequal temperatures; or (2) through changes occurring in the atmosphere, where expansion and consequent loss of heat take place, causing condensation of moisture. Capt. Wilson-Barker said that a simple primary classification is best arrived at by a two-fold division of cloud types, viz. (1) "stratus," or sheet clouds, and (2) "cumulus," or heap clouds. The former may be roughly considered the cloud of a settled, and the latter of an unsettled, state of the atmosphere. He showed by means of lanternslides a number of cloud-pictures illustrating certain varieties of both main types. Under stratus he included the ordinary cumulus, the shower cumulus, the squall cumulus, and the roll cumulus. In conclusion, Capt. Wilson-Barker referred to various optical phenomena associated with clouds, such as corone, halos, sun-pillars, rainbows, and also the colour of the sky. colour of the sky.

PHILOLOGICAL.—April 8.—Mr. H. Bradley, President, in the chair.—Mr. Richardson and Dr. Simons were elected Members.—The President made his yearly report on the progress of the Society's' Oxford Dictionary.' Ill health had prevented Dr. Murray working as fast as usual, and the words on and of (the latter takes up nearly nineteen printed columns) were very stiff ones; still, Dr. Murray's last proof included the word onion. Mr. Craigie has nearly all Q in type or prepared, as well as some of R in forwardness. Last April lead was Mr. Bradley's last word; now liquid is in proof, and copy is finished to little; two hundred pages of L were done in the year. As the second section of it went from lap to leisurely, much good-humoured chaff was scattered over the editor on these words representing his method of work. Valuable helpers had been Mr. H. Chichester Hart; M. Caland (of Holland), whose foreign eye often noted distinctions passed over by Englishmen; the Rev. W. H. R. Wilson (of Dollar); Dr. W. Sykes for medical words; and Lord Aldenham, Canon Fowler, and Mr. W. H. Stevenson, who had each read the L proofs. Of old readers for words Dr. Furnivall was the chief. The word ite, two verbs and two substantives, and the verb lay, took up a large space. One reviewer said that to "lay something in one's dish," to charge a man with a fault, was not in the 'Dictionary,' but it was. The spelling of licence, sb., and license, vb., had given trouble; but the analogy of practice, sb., practise, vb., prophecy and

prophesy, advice and advise, showed that ce should be used for the noun and se for the verb; and the majority of good writers adopt this view. Of the non-published words Mr. Bradley dealt with the following: 1. Lieutenant, which is "leftenant" in England, "lu-tenant" in the United States, the in England, "lu-tenant" in the United States, the Old French luef for lieu accounting for our former leavetenant." 2. Life takes nine columns; branch 3, course, condition, is interesting in its development of meaning: "nothing in life," in the world, to see "life," to be "settled in life"; then a biography. 3. Lift, vb., and lift, sb, sky: the sb. comes first; lift is the upper region; to lift is to raise a thing towards the lift; the Bible use of the word—to lift up one's eyes, arms, head, heart, &c.—is due to the Hebrew original. 4. Light, sb., is from a pre-Gothic loukaton, a participle of louk, to shine; L. luna for lokna, &c., E. lait, lightning; leam, day, &c.; it is difficult to define and to divide its meanings. Its scientific use was illustrated, and the curious history of the Scotch Old and New Lights given; eighteen splits at last resulted in union. ings. Its scientific use was illustrated, and the curious history of the Scotch Old and New Lights given; eighteen splits at last resulted in union. 5. Light, adj., has twenty-two senses, the first being "bright or shining": light fire, light angels. 6. Lignum (vite, &c.) was an Australian corruption of polygonum. 7. Like, adv. and vb., was very difficult: new senses of it had turned up for which no quotations had been sent in. Its root was O.E. galic: ga=con, lago is shape or body; galico is parallel to L. conformis. Ga turned to y, and then dropped. Like, prep., is from "like to" ("flike to an aegle," 1530, Lord Berners). Like, conj., is from "like as" ("Like as the bart desireth the water-brooks"), and is treated by Sidney Walker in the second volume of his works; it is used by Shakspeare and his successors to Southey, Shelley, Darwin, William Morris, &c., though ignorantly objected to by some modern writers. No English dictionary has the sense "how do you like so-and-so?" and for the meaning "wish to have" the only instance available is in Shelley's "Faust' ("would you like a broomstick?"). The suffix -like, as in M.E. greditice, was different from the Sc. greedylike; circletike occurred in 1420, God-like in 1513; Bailey has sixty compounds with -like in his 'Festus'; Londonlike is found in 1574, and un-Goldsmith-like in news the sone times a double diminutive, was connected with the root of long, and mixed with the endings -ing and un-Goldsmith-like in 1823. 8. -ling, though sometimes a double diminutive, was connected with the root of long, and mixed with the endings-ing and -ung. Mr. Bradley dealt also with 9, Liliputian, used by Fielding the year after 'Gulliver's Travels' were published in 1728; 10, lily of the valley; 11, limb in its different senses; 12, limber, supple, 1565; 13, limbo, "in limbo inferni"; 14, lighten, alight (upon us), &c. He was warmly thanked for his report and his great services to the 'Dictionary.'

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—April 15.

—Mr. C. Hawksley, President, in the chair.—The paper read was 'Locomotive Firebox, Stays,' by Mr.

MATHEMATICAL.—April 10.—Dr. Hobson, President, in the chair.—Prof. C. J. Joly, Gamesh Prasad, and Miss Lilian Whitley were elected Members.—The President (Dr. J. Larmor pro tem, in the chair) communicated a note on 'Divergent Series.'—Prof. Love next stated results he had arrived at in connexion with stress and strain in two-dimensional elastic systems.—Discussion followed upon both communications.—The President gave the titles only of the following papers: 'Further Applications of Matrix Notation to Integration Problems,' by Dr. H. F. Baker,—'On the Convergence of Series which represent a Potential,' by Prof. Bromwich,—and 'On the Groups defined for an Arbitrary Field by the Multiplication Tables of Certain Finite Groups,' by Dr. L. E. Dickson.

PHYSICAL.—April 11.—Prof. S. P. Thompson, President, in the chair.—Dr. R. A. Lehfeldt exhibited an "electric heater."—Mr. Watson gave a list of liquids which he had found suitable for boillist of liquids which he had found suitable for boiling electrically.—Mr. Grant exhibited and described 'An Apparatus for Vapour-Pressure Measurements,'—Mr. J. T. Morris showed an experiment illustrating the use of cathode rays in alternate-current work, and an experiment 'On the Growth of Electric Currents in an Inductive Circuit,'—Mr. Croft showed some apparatus and devices useful in teaching.

### MESTINGS NEXT WEEK.

MON. Institute of British Architects, 8. "Tradition in Architecture,"
Mr. A. N. Paterson.
Society of Arts, 8. "Glass for Optical Instruments," Lecture II.,
Dr. R. T. Glazebrook.
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Royal Institution. 8.—'The Oxygen Group of Elements,' Lecture III., Prof. Dewar.

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THURS. Institution of Electrical Engineers, 8.—Discussion on 'Problems of Electric Railways'; Form of Model General Conditions for Use the Residual State of March 1988.

Fr. Institution of Civil Engineers, 4.—Repetition of the James Forrest Locture.

— Physical, 5.—Exhibition of a Mechanical Break for Induction Coils, 'Dr. Dawson Turner; 'A Temperature Indicator for use with Platinum Thermometers, in which Readings are automatically reduced to the Gas Scale,' Mr. E. S. Walpple; Royal Institution, 9.—X. Rays and Localization, Wr. J. M. Lavidson.

Say. Royal Institution, 3.—'British National Song.' Lacture IVI.

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Royal Institution, 3.— 'British National Song,' Lecture III.,
Dr. W. H. Cummings.

### Science Gossip.

THE biological establishment for research concerning fish at Munich has published an appeal to pisciculturists, asking them to forward either the results of their observations on the malignant growths from which salmon and allied fish suffer or specimens of diseased fish. Dr. Marianne Plehn has given an interesting account in the Allgemeine Fischzeitung of her investigation of the disease, which she has found to be of the same nature as cancer.

THE eclipse of the moon on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst., will be total from 6h 10m to 7h 35m (Greenwich time) in the evening. The moon does not rise at Greenwich until 7h 5m (almost exactly sunset), half an hour after which the totality will cease, so that only the latter part of the eclipse will be seen in this country, but the whole in Eastern Europe and Western Asia. At the middle (6h 53m Greenwich time) the moon will be vertical over the Indian Ocean, nearly due south of Bombay.

It may be worth while to point out that the full moon of next week is, by the old Julian style of the calendar, the paschal full moon this year, since by that calendar the 21st of March (taken as the vernal equinox by the Council of Nicæa in A.D. 325) is the day we call the 3rd of April, the next full moon after which is that of next week (April 22nd), so that in Russia and the Eastern Church generally the following Sunday (April 27th by our reckoning, April 14th by theirs) is Easter Day.

PROF. MAX WOLF announces (Ast. Nach., No. 3784) the discovery of a new small planet at Heidelberg on the night of the 10th ult. No. 472, which was discovered by Dr. Carnera on July 11th, 1901, has been named Roma.

MR. STANLEY WILLIAMS, of Hove, Brighton, has detected the variability of a star in the constellation Lyra, to be called var. 5, 1902, Lyræ; its period is probably about two-thirds of a year, and a maximum of brightness (about the tenth magnitude) would seem to be due in the month of July next.

THE REV. T. E. ESPIN publishes in the Ast. Nach., No. 3784, a list of seventy-two new double stars observed by him at Tow Law, near Darlington, during the year 1901. In the same number Mr. R. G. Aitken gives a fourth list of new double stars discovered and measured with the 36-inch and 12-inch telescopes of the Lick Observatory; seventy-one of these, including a number of the closest pairs, were discovered with the smaller telescope, but nearly all the measures were made with the 36-inch.

THE Berliner Astronomisches Jahrbuch for 1904 has been published. As with the Connaissance des Temps for the same year, recently noticed in the Atheneum, no further change has been made in the data employed in the formation of the tables. Elements of the orbits of the small planets are given up to No. 472, now called Roma (as mentioned above), and opposition - ephemerides for twenty - eight of these which come into opposition during the present year.

THE death is announced of Prof. Alfred Cornu, whose experiments on the velocity of light perfected the method of Fizeau, and who was the author of several important works. He was born on March 6th, 1841, and studied succes-sively at the École Polytechnique and the École des Mines. He was nominated Professor of Physics at the former school in 1867, and eleven

years later succeeded the elder Becquerel at the Académie des Sciences. His published works include the following: 'Sur un Nouveau Polarimètre,' 1870; 'Le Renversement des Raies Spectrales de Vapeurs Métalliques,' 1871; 'Sur le Spectre de l'Aurore Boréale du 4 Février, 1872'; and 'Extension des Résultats au Mode Mineur,' 1873. The Royal Society of London awarded him a large medal in 1878.

### FINE ARTS

A Manual of Greek Historical Inscriptions. By E. L. Hicks and G. F. Hill. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)

THE republication of Mr. Hicks's excellent manual is too important to be noticed merely as a new edition. The original work, though published twenty years ago, still holds its own as a practical book, and thoroughly sound, in spite of the competition of several similar works. But these are tion of several similar works. But these are either too voluminous or too specialized to serve as general introductions to epigraphy. The present volume is admirably suited for the highest school forms and for university work, being at once elementary, judicious, and accurate. Mr. Hicks has called to his aid Mr. Hill, already well known as the editor of historical inscriptions and also the emirate Austrian scholars. tions, and also the eminent Austrian scholar Dr. Adolf Wilhelm, whose help not only adds valuable material, but also implies the respect in which he holds the original work. Its special merit, as compared with the vast collections of Michel, who supplies hardly any notes, and Dittenberger, who gives very scanty (though excellent) hints, is that a brief and clear account of the circumstances of each text is appended. Thus the student who is not master of the intricacies of Greek history need not have recourse to the bibliography at the head of each article, and then to some library to solve his difficulties. It is indeed questionable whether Mr. Hicks should have given this elaborate bibliography in the present book. A reference to Dittenberger would have told the reader where to look for all this learning. But except for the purposes of research it matters little, provided we have the first and the last editions, whether eight, ten, or twelve scholars have handled any text. The first great master of epigraphy, August Boeckh, is always worth reading in his monumental 'C.I.G.,' and it were well if his successors had been as liberal as he in exegesis. It may be worth while to add as a curiosity that the earliest English attempt to edit inscriptions as an aid to historical knowledge came from a Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, cast away in a remote Donegal rectory, Kennedy Baillie, who published in the forties texts illustrating the condition of the Seven Churches of Asia ('Fasciculus Inscriptionum Græ-carum'). It was noted not long ago in these columns that some of his originals, long considered as lost, are in the possession of that enlightened patron of learning Lord Amherst of Hackney. But though such books are now old-fashioned, we still prefer them to Mr. Hill's high and mighty printing of historical inscriptions, without a word of help to the baffled reader. In the present volume we may note the fragment of the document quoted by Thucydides (v. 47) as edited in exactly the right way.

The text is given almost in facsimile; there is no transcript added, for every reader can turn to his Thucydides. There he can find by comparison the variants between Thucydides's version and the original stone, and can estimate the amount of good sense, or the opposite, in the criticisms drawn from them regarding the author's accuracy.

Mr. Hicks indicates the right conclusion. Substantially the historian is accurate; only to a German, brought up in the belief in his verbal inspiration, is his free copy a proof of terrible negligence. We notice with satisfaction in the introduction a wise estimate of the great value of Grote's history to every student. That work has never been replaced as the proper groundwork of all thorough study of Greek political life, though there are, of course, many positions in it which are now abandoned. Ever since Prof. Mahaffy's article destroyed the authenticity of the Olympian Register, that basis for early Greek chronology has been abandoned, and Mr. Hicks is of the same opinion. It is a minor matter, but still worth mentioning, that he does not adopt the same critic's abrogation of another pet phrase with little meaning, "the age of the Despots" (or tyrants). There were despots, and plenty of them, at every age of historical Greece; probably ten times as many in Hellenistic days as in the sixth century B.C., though

historians have ignored them.

We pass on to notice a few details on which we hesitate to agree with Mr. Hicks. On the very first page we are told that the Greeks learned the art of writing from the Phoenicians not later than the ninth century B.C., and pro-bably as early as the twelfth. We should prefer to say that though the use of some kind of writing on clay tablets was probably as old as the twelfth century, this script had no resemblance to the Phœnician alphabet, which may have replaced it as early as 800 or 900 s.c. The ἡειτοί are not salt "streams," but lakes beside the road to Eleusis, fed by great springs and discharging under the road into the sea. A word of commentary should have been provided on the metre in No. 56 (the Xanthian stele), where hexameters and pentameters are shuffled about in curious disorder. The text on the Athenian tenure of Lesbos (61) is very interesting. It proves that the Athenian landlords lived at Lesbos. The proverb είς Λήμνον πλείν (our "levanting") implies a long with-drawal from Athens, and might have been here quoted. Mr. Hicks regrets that limits of space prevented him from quoting more fully from the quota-lists and inventories which have made Köhler's name so famous regarding the finance of imperial Athens. We are inclined to regret that he has given so much of this material in a book which excludes the early Hellenistic epoch for want of room. Mere specimens of these lists are quite enough for the general student; far more valuable would have been historical texts reaching down to the battle of Ipsus (301 B.C.) through a period so wretchedly represented in our extant Greek historians. We cannot think that Thucydides's statement that the murder of Phrynichus was ἐν τῷ ἀγορῷ πληθούση means the place and not the time, because another authority I

says by night. Any one who has seen a market in a Southern town during the full moon-say in Genoa-will know that a full market at 4 A.M. or earlier, and therefore thing. We have the profoundest respect for Dr. Wilhelm, and his reconstructions of texts are often wonderful, but to tell us that the supplements on each side of a thin river of text (138a) are "practically certain" is surely a very sanguine statement. Seeing that both the names of Philip and of the Olynthians are supplied by conjecture from ] $\pi o v$  and ] $\omega v$ , we think some suspense of judgment still necessary.

We will add but one more bit of criticism. When Mr. Hicks tells us that the great Alexander's edict restoring the exiles throughout Greece to their respective cities "was a wise exercise of despotic power, in the interests of peace," we differ wholly from this judgment; and the facts immediately added by Mr. Hicks go to prove that he is wrong. Of course, such an edict must necessarily have produced an agitation and disturbance without parallel, and Alexander knew Greece so well that he could not have ignored these consequences. It seems to us rather a policy of retribution than of justice. He had done all he could to enlist the sympathies of the Greeks in his vast schemes; he had endeavoured to rule them ἡγεμονικῶς; but they were irreconcilable. They undoubtedly urged his Macedonians to rebel against his Persian policy; they wrote tracts and made speeches against absolute monarchy. He was tired of their ill-humour, and disgusted with their want of political sense. Hence he changed his course and gave them a taste of his government δεσποτικώς. He commanded them to recall their exiles, and to honour him as a god. He deliberately threw half the house and landed property of the Greeks into furious litigation.

Handbooks of the Great Craftsmen: Peter Vischer. By Cecil Headlam.—The Ivory Workers of the Middle Ages. By A. M. Cust. (Bell.)—It was a rash act on the part of an Englishman to plunge into such a bed of nettles as the Vischer controversy without acquiring immunity from the stings of criticism by reading the most recent literature on the subject. No item in Mr. Headlam's bibliography is dated, but we believe it is correct to say that Dr. Seeger's 'Peter Vischer der Jüngere' (1897) is the latest work consulted. Now Dr. Seeger distinguished himself from earlier writers on the Vischers by attributing, without docu-mentary evidence, many of the finest works of their foundry to the younger Peter. The chief of these are two of the four reliefs on the substructure of the shrine of St. Sebald (why, in an English book, need we read of the "Sebaldusgrab"?), the 'King Arthur' at Innsbruck, and the Tucher monument at Regensburg. The best recent German critics are convinced that Dr. Seeger went much too far in his endeavour to exalt the younger Peter Vischer, and to define his position as the real leader of the family industry from the time (about 1510) when the Renaissance style began to prevail in their works in bronze. Dr. Seeger represents the elder Vischer, in consequence, as a relatively conservative force, not as a pioneer of the Renaissance working on parallel lines with Dürer, and recognizes his handiwork, among the later creations of the foundry, only in those which cling most to Gothic tradition. We cannot but think that Mr. Headlam, had he

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studied Dr. Weizsäcker's criticism on Dr. Seeger's book (Repertorium für Kunstwissenschaft, 1900) and Dr. Ludwig Justi's more recent 'Vischerstudien' (ibid., 1901), would have followed Dr. Seeger's lead less unreservedly than he does. This is the age of special research, and in addition to a knowledge of books on German art, an acquaintance with such reviews as the aforesaid Repertorium and the Berlin and Vienna Jahrbücher is indispensable.

But it is not only on the question of the younger Peter's eminence that Mr. Headlam is behind the times. He knows nothing, apparently (as Dr. Seeger knew nothing), of the drawings of Hermann Vischer and his brother Peter in the Louvre, to which Dr. Weizsäcker drew attention in 1891; nothing of the younger Peter's signed and dated medallion of the head of Christ at Gotha, described by the same writer in 1900; nothing of the profile portrait of the elder Vischer in cap and leather apron at South Kensington. This plaque would have made a more interesting frontispiece than the nameless modern drawing that has been used.

The illustrations in general, reproduced from Stein's photographs in Prof. Lübke's publica-Vischer's works, are good and well tion of Vischer's works, are good and well selected, but one extraordinary oversight has been repeated from that publication, though Dr. Daun drew attention to it explicitly in the Repertorium in 1898. The plate (No. 16) which professes to represent the Tucher monument of 1521 at Regensburg is taken, in fact, from a modified repetition of the same subject which was made by Hans Vischer, in 1543, for the Pfalzgraf Otto Heinrich, and is now in the Bavarian National Museum at Munich. This error carries with it its own nemesis; for the inscription of 1543 explains the subject by a reference to Matthew xv., which is fatal, as Dr. Daun explained, to the usual description of it as 'Christ meeting the Sisters of Lazarus.' The group represents the woman of Canaan imploring Christ to heal her daughter. It is to be hoped that Mr. Headlam really had the monument of 1521, and not that of 1543, in his monument of 1921, and not that of 1945, in his mind when he based on it an argument for attributing to Peter Vischer II. that over-praised wood carving the 'Nuremberg Ma-donna.' Vischer, like the German medalists, may have made some of his models in wood but it would be a curious coincidence if so celebrated a work as this Madonna had survived only in the form of a model, whereas no other models by him are known to exist. The original design, by the way, for the shrine of St. Sebald, dated 1488, in the Academy library at Vienna, which Mr. Headlam repeatedly calls a model, is a pen-and-ink drawing. Both the monuments associated, on questionable grounds, with a design by Dürer should have been illustrated, and we should have welcomed a reproduction of the monument of Anton Kress, and a plate containing the three Vischer portrait medals. The taining the three Vischer portrait medals. The Dreyfus plaquette of 'Orpheus and Eurydice' is striking, but the date assigned to it, 1515, is too early. The drawing in the Louvre, much nearer to this than to the other plaquette at Berlin, is dated 1519. The assumption of an interval of ten or fifteen years between the two inkstands in the Ashmolean Museum is no less far-fetched than the interpretation of their symbolism. There are several minor in-accuracies in the list of Vischer's works. Mr. Headlam should know that Schnecken means "snails," not "serpents" (p. 135); and the translation of Auszug by "epi-tome" makes nonsense of a remark of makes nonsense of a remark of Retberg's which is silly enough in the original.

Mr. Headlam possibly thought that the "Bishop of Stadion" (p. 139) occupied a see in partibus infidelium. Christoph von Stadion, who died in 1543, was Bishop of Augsburg. "The institution of St. Paul" (p. 94) is a very odd description of the celebrated abbey (Stift) in Carinthia. None of the reproductions of the Vischer trademark bears any approximate

resemblance to the original, and Mr. Headlam never hints that the latter represents a fishhook. After all this fault-finding, which might easily be prolonged, it is pleasant to acknowledge that Mr. Headlam has summarized German research, so far as he is acquainted with it, in a very agreeable and readable style, and the subject of his book should win it many readers. If it stimulates, instead of stifling, their curiosity, it will have served its purpose well. But Peter Vischer's countrymen, we fear, will call it dilettantenhaft.

Our notice of Miss Cust's book shall begin with a word of warning to the reader who may have based false hopes on a too literal reading of the title. Of the ivory workers of the Middle Ages, individually or collectively, he will learn next to nothing. One of them, Jehan Nicolle, put his name to a box; another, Jehan le Braellier, is rescued from complete oblivion by an inventory; there our knowledge of the workers ends and inference from their works begins. Inference it is, and not romance, for Miss Cust's book is nothing if not scientific. In spite of her title, works in ivory, and not their makers, are the subject dealt with. The extant ivories of the period 400-1400 are intelligently classified, and typical specimens are described and figured, with a special liberality—fully justified, no doubt, by their great historical im-portance—in the case of the Byzantine plaques and diptychs. If we have any quarrel with Miss Cust's method, it is that she dwells too much on particular examples, and omits to give any connected account of technique or any explanation of such a condition of the existence of the art as the supply of ivory. A great merit of the book is its historical setting—the account, to name one instance, of the ups and downs of iconoclasm; another is the recognition of continuity in art and of the solidarity of its several branches in an age when craftsmen had not cast off the reasonable service of tradition for the licence of caprice. Ivory workers, it may be inferred, were conservative folk—witness the pagan survival of a river-god in fig. 24, a work of the ninth century; and in ages of progress and innovation they lagged behind, when miniature painters, for instance, were abreast of the times. Miss Cust is quick to notice the successive dependence of ivory on monumental sculpture in the late Roman age, on repoussé work in silver, on illumination, and once more on sculpture, in the glorious era of French Gothic art. She explains, too, sufficiently the purposes, official, ecclesiastical, domestic, to which ivory carving was adapted, from the consular diptych to the episcopal throne, from the liturgical comb to the lady's mirror, from the pyx to the chessman. The illustrations are clear and well chosen, and such examples as the early Byzantine angel of the frontispiece, the early Byzantine angel of the frontispiece, the Veroli casket (fig. 15), the 'Earthly Paradise' in the Bargello (fig. 6), the Christ of the reign of Romanus IV. (fig. 20), and certain French fourteenth-century carvings (figs. 31 and 33), suffice to prove that this species of *Kleinkunst*, which can lend itself with fatal ease to triviality, is also capable of grandeur and elevated beauty.

Miss Cust makes no pretensions to original research, and her indebtedness to foreign scholars, and in particular to M. Émile Molinier and Dr. Graeven, is frankly avowed. Her study of the French critic betrays itself in certain odd Gallicisms among the proper names, such as Lupicien, Mopsueste, and Didier; the same explanation may account, perhaps, for the curious use of Barnaby, in application to a saint, presumably the companion of St. Paul, and not to any person of the name of Rudge. Such a lapse as Porphrygenitus (pp. 84, 122) is less excusable. The style is clear, but not distinguished. "It was about the only thing he did do" (p. 84), and "The panels.....is an example" (p. 99), are vile phrases; while two sentences, at least (pp. 136, 140), lack verbs. On p. 148 Miss Cust has confused the misadven-

tures of Aristotle and Virgil, two of the typical sages who were fools in love. There is an index of names and places, but not of subjects; a list of museums where good ivory is to be seen will be useful; and the bibliography shows that the writer has consulted the recent volumes of the chief continental art reviews. A book that it does not mention is Mantuani's 'Tuotilo und die Elfenbeinschnitzerei am Evangelium longum zu St. Gallen,' Strassburg, 1900. The paucity of English items in the list of authorities is a proof that such a book as this was needed.

DR. GLÜCK ON 'DER WAHRE NAME DES MEISTERS D\*V.'

One of the most interesting personalities among the engravers of the Netherlands in the sixteenth century is that of the master known to collectors and students from time immemorial as Dirk van Staren or van Star. He must rank below Lucas van Leyden by reason of the slightness of his output, but his excellent taste in ornament, his originality in choice of subject, and his variety of resource in technique place him far above his other contemporaries of the Low Countries. Nineteen engravings and etchings and two woodcuts bear his mark, the initials D.V., separated by a five-pointed star. A plausible interpretation of the mark has been current for at least a century and a half, pro-bably longer, for there is nothing to show that J. F. Christ invented the explanation which is to be found in his dictionary of monograms published in 1747. The hypothesis that V denotes "van" and the star the surname of the artist must now give way before the conclusive proof adduced by Dr. Glück that the engraver was Dirick Jacobssone Vellert, or Velaert, glass painter, who became a master of the Guild of St. Luke at Antwerp in 1511 and dean in 1518 and again in 1526. The year last mentioned was a notable one in our artist's life. It is the date of his two woodcuts, one of which, in combination with an admirable engraving of the same year, 'St. Luke painting Our Lady's Portrait,' has given the clue to his identity. The woodcut in question is of heraldic character, and represents a winged ox supporting an escutcheon on which are three small shields of the same shape. The motto, "Wt Ionsten versaemt" (assembled by inclination or by community of taste), is added at the foot of a richly decorated frame, which contains the arms of the Empire, of Flanders, and of the city of Antwerp. Nothing could be more obvious than that the ox is that of St. Luke and that the arms are those of his guild at Antwerp. It is hardly to the credit of iconographers that nobody had ever thought of this very simple explanation before. They may plead in excuse the extreme rarity of the print, and the inaccuracy of Passavant's description, by which alone it was known It was supposed till recently that to most. only one impression existed, in the University Galleries at Oxford. Last year, however, shortly before the publication of Dr. Glück's essay, a second impression turned up, in a collection of book plates which was offered to the British Museum. The treasure was promptly secured. This impression, more perfectly preserved than that at Oxford, bears on its margin the inscription "H. D. N. 1626," which proves that a reprint was issued, for some reason unexplained, on the centenary of the first appearance of the woodcut. The condition of the block proves beyond a doubt that the Oxford impression is of the same date.

Now this woodcut tallies delightfully with the record in the "Liggeren" of the Guild of St. Luke that in 1526 the dean, Dieric Jacobssone, made a neat device (een ardiche devyse), which was printed on paper of quarto size. This coincidence, together with the fact that the Master D.V. engraved a 'St. Luke Painting' in the same year, a most appropriate subject for the dean to select, and in addition the

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certain knowledge, derived from Guicciardini, that the surname of this Dirick was Felaert (as he writes it), leave no further room for doubt that D.V. and Dirick Velaert are one and the

that D.V. and Dirick Velaert are one and the same. His own orthography is preserved in a glass-painting of 1517, published by Dr. Glück for the first time, signed Dirick Velle(rt).

The records concerning Vellert extend from 1511 to 1540, and one belated engraving, 'The Deluge,' his largest work, bears the date 1544. After that he disappears, and the year of his death is unknown. All his other engravings bear dates, usually given with minute accuracy, ranging from 1522 to 1526, and his only other extant woodout, a delightful picture of the interior of a mixed school for girls and boys, is also dated 1526; it exists only in a single impression in the British Museum. During the remainder of his life we must suppose that the remainder of his life we must suppose that he was fully occupied in glass painting. Unfortunately no signed work on glass has been discovered, with the single exception already mentioned. Dr. Friedländer, of Berlin, has seen some glass which he is inclined to attribute to this painter in what he transfer is what he is inclined. to this painter in what he too vaguely calls "the chapel at Cambridge." No other place, except Oxford, abounds to the same extent in chapels, and we must therefore commend this utterance to the dilettanti who frequent them, in moments of relaxation from their more exhausting studies. of relaxation from their more exhausting studies. About a score of designs for glass by the hand of Vellert are, fortunately, preserved, nearly all signed and dated with his usual accuracy, the day and month being given as well as the year. They are chiefly at Berlin, Vienna, and Weimar; the British Museum has one, perhaps the least interesting of the number. Almost the least interesting of the number. Almost all these designs are reproduced in Dr. Glück's well-illustrated monograph, with the omission well-illustrated monograph, with the omission of certain drawings in the Albertina already published elsewhere. Since the appearance of the essay Mr. Strong has published another drawing, attributed with great probability to the same artist, in part iii. of his reproductions of the drawings at Wilton House. A triptych, painted in oil, in Dr. Lippmann's collection is also believed to be by Vellert.

In addition to the criticism of the whole known work of Vellert, Dr. Glück's essay contains an admirable account of the rise of the

tains an admirable account of the rise of the Antwerp school of painting. This is but the first of a series of studies of that school, and we look forward to its successors with much interest, for the author, one of the officials of the Imperial Gallery at Vienna, combines sound learning with a clear style and a real appreciation of the

merits of a work of art.

It should be added that Dr. Glück's essay forms part of the annual volume of the most important of the Viennese reviews, the Jahrbuch of the art collections of the Imperial House of Austria. The articles which appear in this review, by a convenient arrangement which came into force in 1901, are sold separately, and such Sonderabdrucke are no longer exclu sively the property of the author's privileged friends. The excellence and abundance of the reproductions add greatly to the value of this publication.

SALES.

Messes. Christie, Manson & Woods sold on the 10th inst. a collection of engravings by Bartolozzi and engravers of his school. The following were the principal prices: By Bartolozzi: The Seasons, after F. Wheatley Sartolozzi: The Seasons, after F. Wheatley (set of four), 55l.; A Lecture on Gadding, after J. R. Smith, 28l.; Countess Spencer, after Reynolds, 34l.; Lady Smyth and Children, after the same, 84l.; Jane, Countess of Harrington, and Children, after the same, 68l.; Peniston Lamb and his Brothers, after the same, 37l.; Miss Farren, after Lawrence, 30l. By Bartolozzi and Gardiner: The Months, after W. Hamilton (set of twelve, including six proofs), 92l. By P. Simon: Miss Kerr Gordon (Angels' Heads), after Reynolds, 65l. By C. Wilkin:

Lady Andover, after Hoppner, 42l.; Viscountess St. Asaph, after the same, 37l.; Lady Charlotte Duncombe, after the same, 35l.; Lady Langham, after the same, 30l. By T. Burke: Lady Rushout and Child, after A. Kauffman, 38l.

The following works by the late T. S. Cooper were sold on the 12th inst. by the same Cooper were sold on the 12th inst. by the same auctioneers. Drawings: A Cow and Two Sheep, 54*l.*; A Herd of Cattle by a River, 96*l.*; A Flock of Sheep, 89*l.*; Tonford Manor, Kent, 183*l.* Pictures: A Bull and Two Cows under a Tree, 131*l.*; A Herd of Cattle by a River, 115*l.*; Driving Home the Herd, 126*l.*; Noonday Reet, 141*l.*; On a Farm at Noon, 283*l.*; The 1151.; Driving Home the Herd, 126l.; Noonday Rest, 141l.; On a Farm at Noon, 283l.; The Drovers' Sweepstake, 168l.; Fording above the Fall, 241l.; A Relic of the Lords Marchers, Shropshire, 225l.; A Halt in a Glen on a Misty Morning, 210l.; The Storm, 231l.; Early from Old Smithfield Market, 1832, 162l.; Rain Coming On, 183l.; Separated, but not Divorced, 210l.; Pushing off for Tilbury Fort, 588l.

### fine-Brt Cossip.

YESTERDAY the press were invited to view the works of French and English painters of the eighteenth century which make the show at the Guildhall this year; also studies and designs by Mr. Briton Riviere, at the Fine-Art Society's rooms, and a second collection of portraits by Raeburn, made by Messrs. Forbes & Paterson, at 5, Old Bond Street.

To-DAY Mr. Robert Denholm holds the private view of his drawings of 'Bits of Highland Scenery,' &c., in silver point, at the Continental Gallery; and there is an exhibition till the 26th of drawings in black and white, chiefly of West-minster Abbey and Old London, by Mr. Hanslip Fletcher, at 28, Brook Street.

THE Ridley Art Club opens its sixteenth annual exhibition to-day at the Grafton Galleries and closes on April 26th.

WE learn with great regret of the death of the famous picture-dealer Ernest Gambart, which tamous picture dealer Ernest Gambart, which took place at Nice on Saturday last. Not only did he exploit such great artists as Sir L. Alma Tadema and Rosa Bonheur, but he was also the means of making known in England many distinguished foreign painters. During his long career he was himself a collector of no little importance. He will be greatly missed by the art world, in which he had made many friends.

THE internal dissensions of the Société des Artistes Français may probably result in the establishment of a third Salon. The Société establishment of a third Saion. The Societe has received nearly one thousand canvases fewer this year than hitherto, a considerable number of the younger men refusing to send anything. The atelier Cormon is entirely excluded, and his scholars, led by M. Cormon himself, are now organizing a third Salon in conjunction with the more distinguished of the "refusés." with the more distinguished of the "refusés." In the midst of all this artistic storm in a teacup M. Cormon has had the misfortune to be

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M. Jules Dalou, the distinguished French sculptor, died on Tuesday from cardiac affection. He had been before the public for over forty years. He was born in Paris in 1838, and studied under Carpeaux and Duret. He first exhibited at the Salon in 1867. There are several of his monuments in Père Lachaise, notably one to Victor Noir, and another to Blanqui; one of his finest conceptions, 'Mirabeau répondant à M. de Dreux-Brézé,' is in the Paleis Roughon and the 'Triomphe de la Ré-Palais Bourbon, and the 'Triomphe de la République' is in the gardens of the Luxembourg, where is also a monument to Eugène Delacroix; his 'Lavoisier' is at the Sorbonne; and the Duke of Westminster owns at least one example ('Berceuse,' 1873) of his work. Dalou was implicated in the Commune, and fled to London, where he remained until 1873. He returned to France after the amnesty of 1879.

THE British Section of the Karlsbad Jubiläums Ausstellung has attracted much favourable criticism, notably the contributions of Mr. Walter Crane, Mr. Walton, Mr. John Lavery, Mr. Priestman, and Mr. Greiffenhagen.

AT the last International Congress for Art-History, which was held at Lubeck two years ago, Innsbruck was chosen as the seat of the next Congress. Prof. Hans Semper, of Innsbruck (to whom offers of papers, &c., and applica-tions for membership should be sent), announces that the Congress will meet there this year from September 9th to 12th. An exhibition of ancient and modern Tyrolese art will be open during the time of the Congress.

MR. A. R. GODDARD writes :-

"In the report of the last meeting of the British Archæological Association, in your issue of the 12th, there is a typographical slip which will perhaps puzzle those who may chance to see it. I fancy no one has yet found an example of a 'Maiden-Bush,' and yet there is only one letter at fault. The word should be 'Maiden Burh,' or 'Maiden Burhs.' Perhaps you would be kind enough to insert a line of explanation,"

In Lord Cromer's Report on Egypt for 1901, just published (price  $8\frac{1}{2}d$ .), there are a couple of pages on antiquities, and a further note as to difficulties with the Kopts, who appear to be a fine old-fashioned body of Conservatives who will not allow such of their churches as are historical monuments to be repaired for them by the authorities. The antiquities proper that are alluded to are the temples of Abydos and Luxor, and the tombs at Thebes, where there has been a burglary of boats by the sides of royal mummies, in connexion with which several persons have been arrested on suspicion. The robbing of mummies is of respectable antiquity, there being a record of it in B.C. 1000. The annual submersion of the temples at Phile, which has been alluded to on former occasions, is further considered. Those of the temples which do not rest on solid rock are being under-

### MUSIC

### THE WEEK.

BECHSTEIN HALL.—Mile. Sandra Droucker's Pianoforte ecital.

QUEEN'S SMALL HALL.—Mr. G. A. Clinton's Chamber

BECHSTEIN HALL.—Mr. Kelley Cole's Vocal Recital.

YESTERDAY week Mile. Sandra Droucker gave a pianoforte recital at the Bechstein Hall. The first part of the programme in-cluded familiar music, but, with the exception of a Brahms Rhapsody, there was not one piece in which the pianist really satisfied us. In Handel she was too modern; in Beethoven, thoughtful yet not convincing; while her renderings of a Chopin Nocturne and Polonaise lacked true feeling and charm. In spite of these drawbacks there was much to praise. Mlle. Droucker has excellent technique, and her readings show intelligence. Whether thought overrides feeling, or whether the music of the first half of the nineteenth century appeals to her less than that of the second, we know not; anyhow, she was heard to far better advantage in pieces by modern Russian composers. Neither a 'Doumka' (Russian scene) by Tschaïkowsky, though based on a characteristic theme, nor a Scherzo by Arensky proved very exciting; more interesting were a cleverly written Nocturne (for left hand) and Étude by Scriabin, and a Thema with some showy yet refined variations, an Op. 1, by Kryjanowsky, quite a new name.

On Monday evening the first of three chamber concerts, under the direction of Mr. George A. Clinton, was given at the Queen's Small Hall. A 'Petite Suite Gauloise' in G by

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Gouvy was heard for the first time, according to the programme, in London. The music of this French composer, who died in 1898, is little known here; it is thoroughly sound, but, so far as we are acquainted with it, it shows the strong influence of Mozart, and it is, therefore, music of the past rather than of the present. The suite, for woodwind and horns, contains a clever, quaint, humorous 'Ronde de Nuit,' which was encored, and a lively Tambourin. The programme also included a Serenade in D, Op. 44, by Dvorák, for a peculiar combination of instruments (oboes, clarinets, bassoon, three horns, 'cello, and contra-bass), in which the Tempo di Menuetto is the most distinctive movement. The concert ended with Mozart's great Serenade in B flat, composed in 1780. The excellent artists who took part in these works were Messrs. Griffiths, Malsch, Davies, Draper, Anderson, Mills, Parker, Borsdorf, Vandermeerschen, Busby, Livsey, Wotton, James, and Conrad. The vocalist was Miss Ethel Henry-Bird. Mr. Clinton promises a Sextet, Op. 7, by Thuille, and a Quintet, Op. 79, by Klughardt, both for wind instruments, at his second concert on May 5th.

Mr. Kelley Cole, at his vocal recital at the Bechstein Hall on Tuesday afternoon, sang some new songs by Mr. Reginald Somerville, of a light character, showing faintly the influence both of Wagner and Grieg, but tastefully written. The best, to our thinking, was the second, with the somewhat prosaic title 'With You'; the music, spon-taneous and refined, has true feeling. The writer, Daisy McGeoch, of three of the poems in 'A Ballad of Kisses' shows that she thoroughly knows her Shelley. The songs were exceedingly well sung by Mr. Cole, and in them he was accompanied by the composer. The vocalist was also heard to advantage in songs by Tschaïkowsky, Schubert, Jensen, and Hermann. From among a group of songs by English and American composers we would single out the unpretentious yet beautiful 'Long Ago, by Mr. E. MacDowell, the distinguished American musician. We would also note a sympathetic performance of Brahms's Sonata in A, for piano and violin, by the Misses E. V. Cave and Ernestine MacCormac.

### A NEW AUTOGRAPH OF BACH.

When the German Bach Society published Bach's 'Wohltemperirtes Clavier' in 1866 some manuscripts of the fugues of the second part in the Berlin Library, supposed to be autographs, were used for the text of the corresponding fugues of that part; for the corresponding rigues of that part; for the remaining fugues recourse was had to the best manuscripts. Spitts afterwards decided that those Berlin fugues, with the exception of the one in A flat, were not autographs. However, in the year 1889 an article in Grove's 'Dictionary of Music and Musicians' by Frederick Westlake described autographs of transport the former of the former twenty of the fugues of the second part then in the possession of Eliza Wesley, daughter of Samuel Wesley, which had formerly belonged to Clementi. Miss Wesley bequeathed them to the British Museum, which acquired them at her death in 1895. Now in the following year Prof. Prout, in the Monthly Musical Record (March and April, Nos. 303 and 304), wrote at far greater length than F. Westlake, showing all the new and important readings; and in 1897 the German Bach Society incorporated them in

a special appendix to their forty-fifth volume. At the time when he wrote, the Prelude and Fugue, No. 9, one of the missing four, was in the possession of Mrs. Clarissa Sarah Clarke, from whom it was afterwards purchased by the British Museum. Another autograph (of No. 15) has now come to light; at any rate, it has been examined by an expert who has every reason to believe it genuine. It is written on similar paper to the No. 15 of the "Wesley" autographs, and in the same manner-i.e., the prelude on the outside, the fugue on the inside pages, to save turning. Now in the first of the articles by Prof. Prout to which reference is made above he expresses his strong belief, for reasons into which we cannot now enter, "that Bach made three copies of at least a part, if not of the whole, of the collection" (i.e., of the second part of the 'Wohl. Clavier'); and this second part of the 'Wohl. Clavier'); and this appearance of a duplicate autograph of No. 15 confirms his opinion. Some day, perhaps, the other twenty-three numbers may be discovered; or twenty-two, if, perchance, the Berlin A flat belong to the same set. Mr. W. Westley Maning is the possessor of this newly recovered autograph. covered autograph.

### Musical Cossip.

DR. EDWARD ELGAR'S 'Coronation Ode, which he has composed for the Royal Command night at Covent Garden in June, is thoroughly British in character. The poem has been written by Mr. Arthur Christopher Benson. The soloists will be British born, and it is hoped that Madame Melba will represent the colonies. One hundred and sixty voices, selected by ballot from Dr. Coward's splendid Sheffield choir, will take part in the Ode and also in the National Anthem.

In connexion with the Royal College of Organists Dr. F. J. Sawyer will deliver three lectures on 'Musical Extemporization,' the first on the 19th inst., the second on the 26th, and the third on May 3rd. The art of extemporization is often spoken of as a "lost" Messrs. Alcock, Barnett, Creser, Prout, Silas, and Turpin, and other musicians have promised to give practical demonstration to the contrary. There is no doubt, however, that extemporization, both in public and in private, was for-merly more practised than it is at present. Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Hummel, Liszt, and Samuel Wesley are a few of many great extemporizers of the past. Liszt, by the way, extemporized at his first appearance in public in 1822, when eleven years old, and three years later the programme of a concert at Man-chester, at which he played, announces "an extempore Fantasia on the Grand Pianoforte by Master Liszt, who will respectfully request a written Thema from any person present." Dr. William Mason and Mr. Dudley Buck, the distinguished Americans, are also adepts in the art. Dr. Sawyer, we may add, has written an able primer on the subject.

DR. W. H. CUMMINGS delivered a most interesting lecture on Handel before the members of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, at 20, Hanover Square, on Saturday evening. Limelight pictures, portraits of the composer, his birthplace, will, watch, &c., were exhibited. In the course of his remarks Dr. Cummings mentioned the remarkable circumstance that the same oculist operated both on Handel and on Bach. This is supposed to have been John Taylor (1703-1772). Now in the 'History of the Travels and Adventures of the Chevalier John Taylor, Ophthalmiator,' published in 1761, we find in vol. i. p. 25, speaking of the "sove-reigns and great personages" whose sight he whose sight he was the means of restoring, the following :-

"Leipzig, where a celebrated master of music, who had already arriv'd to his 88th year, received his sight by my hands; it is with this very man that the famous Handel was first educated, and with whom I once thought to have had the same

success, having all circumstances in his favour, notions of the pupil, light, &c., but upon drawing the curtain, we found the bottom defective, from a paralytic disorder."

We presume, in spite of the age given, and of the statement that he was the teacher of Handel, that the "celebrated master of music" was Bach. Handel's only teacher was Zachau, who died long before Taylor went to Germany. With regard to the latter it is pathetic to note that he who restored the sight of many is said to have himself become blind towards the close of his life.

DR. WILLIAM CROTCH, the first Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, died at Taunton the Royal Academy of Music, died at Taunton in the year 1847, and was buried there. A tablet in Bishopshall Church contains an inscription to his memory, but until recently the composer's grave, together with the headstone, in the churchyard, had almost disappeared. A marble headstone has now been placed by the professors of the Royal Academy at the head of the grave, their attention having been called to its neglected state by Mr. H. A. Geboult, the Taunton representative of the Academy. And thus due honour has been paid to an able musician and honourable man. honourable man.

In the Athenaum of February 1st special mention was made of the two-hundredth anniversary of the Philharmonic Society of Laibach, to be celebrated this year. The Musikalisches Wochenblatt of April 10th gives the list of the principal works to be performed under the direction of Herr Zöhrer: the 'Meistersinger' Vorspiel, the Brahms Violin Concerto, Strauss's symphonic fantasia 'Aus Italien,' and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

THE late impresario Signor Lago will be remembered for having revived Gluck's 'Orfeo' in London, with Mlle. Giulia Ravogli in the title rôle, and produced Mascagni's 'Caval-leria Rusticana' and Tschaïkowsky's 'Eugene Onegin.'

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  Miss Helen Henschel's Vocal Recital, 3, Bechstein Hall.
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  Philharmonic Society's Concert, 8, Queen's Hall.
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### DRAMA

Souvenirs de M. Delaunay de la Comédie-Française. Recueillis par le Comte Fleury. (Paris, Calmann Lévy.)

To those whose memories of the Parisian stage go back to the middle of the last century, now necessarily a small and rapidly diminishing body, these souvenirs of M. Delaunay—extracted from him by the Comte Fleury, his neighbour at Versailles, accompanied by a well-executed portrait of the artist in his great character of Fortunio, and introduced by a sympathetic preface from his latest manager, M. Jules Claretie—will come as one of the most attractive of theatrical memoirs and recollections. The book begins better than it continues or concludes. Overflowing at the outset with warm friendship and enthusiastic recognition, the recollections narrow into a species of annotated chronicle. Without keeping a diary, which in the case of a man of genius and kindred temperament might have been of highest value and interest, M.

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Delaunay has apparently recorded the particulars of each day's performance at the "Maison de Molière." These he has, with some signs of haste, concluded with his definite retirement on May 16th, 1887, from the stage. For thirty-nine years a member of the Comédie Française, he was for thirty seven years of that time a sociétaire. Including as it did the siege of Paris and the Commune, as well as other troublous events and experiences, the period during which he was a mainstay of the institution was not one of unvarying success. More than once, indeed, the Théâtre Français seemed at the point of collapse. At a representation of 'Charles VII. chez ses Grands Vassaux' and 'Le Bonhomme Jadis,' the receipts were scarcely more than a hundred francs, and a reference is made to another occasion, unspecified, when they were less than half that amount. Artistically the company, which included Samson, Regnier, Bressant, Delaunay, Worms, Rachel, Madame Allan, Madeleine Brohan, Madame Arnould-Plessy, Madame Favart, Croizette, and, in later days, Sarah Bernhardt, Mlle. Reichemberg, the Coquelins, Mounef-Sully, and many others, was at its best, though comparisons between these actors and their predecessors, whom no one has seen, are naturally futile. Attempts to compare with the Comédie Française the leading German companies have been made, but inspire no profound conviction, and most of the actors named have known little serious rivalry. In that galaxy Delaunay was one of the principal stars, and in his own way unique. During a score years he and Madame Favart played at the Français the lead in comedy, though his career, so far as regarded juvenile parts, overlapped and enfolded hers. He was unequalled as a young lover to the end of his acting, and though he retired at a comparatively early age, he might almost be considered a later and masculine counterpart of Ninon de l'Enclos. In the comedies and proverbs of Musset he has known no equal. With his retirement works such as 'Le Chandelier' and 'On ne badine pas avec l'Amour' became almost impossible. Pieces of George Sand, such as 'Le Marquis de Villemer,' may be said to have died with him, and the plays of Émile Augier and Edouard Pailleron have had no such ex-

Recognition was Delaunay's from the first, and honours arrived safely if tardily. On his consenting to postpone for three or four years his threatened retirement from the stage, he was made Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, being the first actor so honoured as simple sociétaire of the Comédie Française, not, like his associates Samson, Got, &c., as professor at the Conservatoire, like Febvre as vice-president of the French Société de Bienfaisance in London, or like others as directors of theatres or for military or civil services. M. Delaunay, who still lives in Versailles, supplies none of the particulars we advance, but is pardonably proud of the distinction involved in being the first actor decorated as such. His book compares favourably with almost all works of the class in England, not only in possessing a note of refinement and distinction, and in an avoidance of the attempt to boast of the celebrity of his acquaintance, but also

in the ungrudging tribute paid to his associates. To Bressant even, who in the rôle of père noble had a supremacy kindred with his own as a young lover, he does justice, in spite of temptation to a contrary course; to Got, Coquelin, and Mounet-Sully, to Madame Favart, to Mile. Reichemberg, Mlle. Jeanne Samary, and others he is most friendly; and with the Brohans he is frankly and charmingly affectionate. As becomes a loyal sociétaire, he has a little grudge against Madame Sarah Bernhardt, who, in spite of the lion's share of honours awarded her—perhaps on account of it—was scarcely loyal to the Comédie. Of the dramatists of whose works he was the interpreter he speaks pleasantly, with the single exception of Léon Laya, who was a "crank" and seems to have affected his nerves. The one respect in which he shows the petulance and narrowness seemingly inseparable from his profession is in regard to his critics. Of what he had to complain we know not. From the days when Théophile Gautier, whom it is, perhaps, heresy now to count the most inspired of French critics, hailed him with delight and prophesied his future fame to the time when "Uncle" Sarcey deplored his retreat, French critics of authority awarded him full recognition, and for the others he need not have cared. His declared inability to reach the sustained distinction of Bressant, although he had more grace, youthfulness of appearance, and fantasy, drew from him almost the only ungenerous words in his volume, words that make us ask, in Virgilian phrase:-

Tantæne animis cœlestibus iræ? One is also surprised to find in M. Delaunay's volume the scantiest references to the first visit of the Comédie Française to London, and no reference whatever to the complimentary banquet given to it at the Crystal Palace. No similar honour has been paid it in Paris or elsewhere, and none in London, so far as we recall, has been accorded to any other institution. Its influence on the fortunes of the Comédie was immense, reinstating it in French estimation, and disposing, according to the personal avowal of Got, of all risk of the collapse which had seemed scarcely remote. M. Delaunay's own reception was specially friendly, and his parting words of enthusiastic recognition still linger in English ears. Some mention of this unique festival should have been made, in the interests of decorum, if any thought of gratitude is out of the question.

Delaunay's recollections of the Brohans-Suzanne the mother, and her daughters Augustine and Madeleine—constitute the earliest and, as has been said, by far the pleasantest portion of his book. For Madeleine, a superbly handsome woman—subsequently the wife of Mario Uchard-an actress who created an unusually favourable impression both in France and England, but whose promise was never quite fulfilled, Delaunay felt a strong passion, to which she replied with a calm and constant friendship. On her début as the original Marguerite in 'Les Contes de la Reine de Navarre' of Scribe and Legouvé, he supported her as Henri d'Albret, and conceived a fervour more than artistic for his queen. The portrait of her mother, which he preserves and cherishes, bears, in the handwriting of Suzanne, "A l'idéal des gendres, sa vieille admiratrice et belle - mère manquée." Madeleine was quick in repartee. Marshal Canrobert, approaching her in the foyer des artistes when she was ill at ease, being on the point of appearing in a new part, asked her what she ailed. She replied simply, "J'ai peur." The marshal appearing not to comprehend, she said, regaining her assurance, "C'est vrai vous ne comprenez pas. Vite, un dictionnaire pour expliquer au maréchal le mot peur." When teased about a prospective and an imaginary marriage between her mother, then aged eighty-seven, and Chevreul, who was over a hundred, she pretended to take the matter seriously, and, after some affectation of reticence, said:—

"Eh bien oui, puisque vous me forcez, je l'avoue. C'est vrai, il en a été question, fortement question......Ah, vous voyez bien ......mais? Faut-il vous le dire? Je vous en prie—Eh bien, au dernier moment, tout a craqué......les parents n'ont pas donné leur consentement."

Concerning 'Rosemonde,' a tragedy of Latour de Saint-Ybars, which Rachel failed to galvanize, the following clever distich of Samson is quoted:—

Pourquoi donc appeler sa pièce Rosemonde? On n'y voit point de rose, on n'y voit point de monde,

which collectors may care to preserve with other verses written on the Rose mundi.

We have marked numerous passages for extract, but those we have quoted will serve to introduce a pleasant and readable book.

### THE WEEK.

WYNDHAM'S THEATRE.—'The Rud of a Story,' a Drama in Four Acts. By J. Dudley Morgan.

THE motive Mr. Morgan has selected for his new drama at Wyndham's has been a favourite of late. It is that of the conduct to be shown, or the influence to be exercised, by the girl who, pure herself, is the daughter of a mother impure or infamous. Two or three modern dramatists tandous. Iwo of the blay from different standpoints. In his 'Degenerates,' pro-duced three years ago and this week revived, Mr. Sydney Grundy shows the mother regenerated by the influence of the child. More rigorous and implacable, Mr. Morgan exacts the suicide of the woman as the price of her daughter's redemption. Between the two stands Mr. Bernard Shaw with what we cannot but hold the most wholesome, albeit the most cynical lesson of the three. For a moment Vivie Warren, in 'Mrs. Warren's Profession,' is disposed through loyalty to espouse her mother's cause, and front with her a world which is hard on women. When, however, she finds that, instead of being the victim of masculine oppression or deceit, Mrs. Warren is following, of her own choice, a remunerative and shameful occupation, she simply drops her, and with her all thought of masculine association, and sets to work to earn her own livelihood as she has done before. The three women selected as types of dishonouring maternity are of varying degrees of infamy. Mrs. War-ren is the most cold-bloodedly nefarious in practice. Madame Sumont, in 'The End of a Story,' is the victim of her own vanity

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and ambition, and of a solitary but inexpiable offence; while Mrs. Trevelyan, in The Degenerates, is a rather unscrupulous divorcée. A little reflection might bring to the recollection many plays similar in character, the situation being, indeed, bound to arise. Of the writers with whom we deal Mr. Morgan is, as has been indicated, the most relentless, and we are loth to accept his theory without qualification. Let him who is without sin cast the first stone against her is the teaching of the inspired Legislator. We doubt whether a woman such as Madame Sumont is capable of the action assigned her; and concerning its inexpediency and the cruelty of the pressure which forces her to it we have no doubt whatever. Her death at her own hands enables the daughter, who has an instinctive mistrust of her mother's calling, to marry the youth she loves, who as the heir presumptive to an earldom brings her social position; and it also, which is more than she bargains for, enables her husband, who for twenty-five years has shown no sign of consciousness concerning her, to marry the rich and charming girl who has patiently angled for him. A prevision of this result might, indeed, have altered her views as to the expediency of suicide. Mr. Morgan's moral code does not then commend itself to us. In other respects his work, though crude, has promise. The conventional requirements of the theatre are fulfilled. Mr. Wyndham, on whom by common consent has fallen the mantle of common consent has latter the linear Charles Mathews, is, like his predecessor, "everybody's friend." He is not, however, "everybody's friend." like his predecessor, an "agreeable rattle, endowed with so much common sense that people who trust to him are not likely to go far astray. He is one whom monarchs may consult with advantage, and on whose fiat the fate of empires may depend. This eminence and distinction Mr. Morgan assigns the comedian, and with it so much of good looks and vivacity as justifies his winning the affection of a girl of less than half his age. For Mr. Charles Wyndham and for Miss Mary Moore, who is his preordained consort, and on whom, as a second Psyche, Jove has bestowed immortal youth, Mr. Morgan has catered successfully. With such exponents he could not well do otherwise. In regard to the false wife he has been no less fortunate. The strongest scenes are those in which the poor erring creature is hounded to death, and in the presentation of these Mrs. Bernard Beere shows how great a loss to the stage has been her long and enforced absence from

### Dramatic Cossip.

WITH the engagement of Mr. George Giddens for the part of Sam Gerridge the preparations for the production at the Haymarket of 'Caste' are completed. The revival will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, the 26th inst., so as to avoid clashing with the reopening of the Lyceum with 'Faust,' which is fixed for the evening of the same day.

On Mrs. Langtry's revival on Thursday at the Imperial of 'The Degenerates' of Mr. Grundy, the first production of which dates back to August, 1899, it was prefaced by a one-act play by Mr. Bernard Espinasse, entitled 'Her Good Name.'

ONE result of the dalliance of our stage with religious subjects is the announcement of a play by two persons of whom we have not previously heard, called 'The Voice from Calvary.' The days when we can dispense with the censure

Mr. GILLETTE'S occupancy of the Lyceum Theatre ceased on Saturday last, and the actor and his company appeared on Monday in Edinburgh in 'Sherlock Holmes.'

'THE NEVER, NEVER LAND,' Mr. Wilson Barrett's Australian play, was given last week for copyright purposes at the Victoria Theatre,

Mr. Frohman announces a speedy revival at the Duke of York's of 'The Gay Lord Quex' of Mr. Pinero, with Mr. Hare and Miss Irene Vanbrugh in the principal parts.

MISS OLGA NETHERSOLE will appear at the Adelphi on the 1st of May in an adaptation by Mr. Clyde Fitch of M. Daudet's 'Sapho.'

'A Modern Magdalen,' by Mr. Haddon Chambers, produced on the 29th ult. at the Bijou Theatre, New York, is an adaptation of a play by a Danish dramatist named Jonas. It is known in Germany as a translation by G. Hoyer, entitled 'Die Familie Jensen.'

In consequence, it is said, of alarm concerning the outbreak of bubonic plague in New South Wales, Mrs. Patrick Campbell has abandoned her proposed Australian tour. Her reappearance in London is shortly to be expected.

THE production by Mr. Charles Hawtrey of 'The President' is fixed for the 30th inst.

The "prize play" of Miss Netta Syrett, shortly to be produced at the St. James's, has been named 'The Finding of Nancy.'

Mr. Stephen Phillips has undertaken to write a new poetic play for Her Majesty's. A drama founded by Mr. Hall Caine on his own 'Eternal City' will, however, precede it.

A COLLECTION of drawings by W. Telbin, T. Grieve, and other artists, illustrative of the Shakspearean and other productions of Charles Shakspearean and other productions of Charles Kean at the Princess's between 1851 and 1859, has been given to the Victoria and Albert Museum by Mrs. F. M. Paget, a niece of Mrs. Kean, and will shortly be on view. In the gift is included a portrait of Mrs. Kean by Sir William Ross, R.A.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.-H. J. D. A.-C. M. D.-J. D.-H. S. D.-received.

J. C. W .- Book duly received.

G. A. N.-We cannot increase our list.

F. G. S.-Many thanks.

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